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Births.

BARL.—At her residence, Beattie-street, Balmain, the wife of L. L. Earl, of a son.

MARRIOTT. October 1, at Melrose, Nowra, the wife of Thomas Marriott, solicitor, a son.

Deaths.

BROWN.—September 4, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. A. Goodwin, Ethelville, Ryde, Mrs. Sarah Brown, age 85 years.

BURNES.—At his residence, 98 Junction-street, Forest Lodge, Thomas Byrnes, in his 56th year. R.I.P.

CARROLL.—October 3, at his residence, 123 Wigram-road, Forest Lodge, W. R. Carroll, aged 52 years (for 27 years in Govt ernment Printing Office)

DAVISON.—October 4, 1899, at 82 Redfern-street, Redfern, Charles Walter Davison, in his 66th year.

LOVEDAY.—October 1, at 181 George-street, Redfern, H. W. Loveday, pianoforte tuner, aged 63, after a long and painful illness. Interred at Waverley.

MASON.—October 2, at Thargomindah, Queensland, George Birkbeck Mason, last surviving son of the late A. J. Mason, Esq., F.S.A., formerly of London and New York, aged 70 years. Home papers please copy.

SMITH.—October 3, 1899, at Sunnyside, Randwick, Sidney, youngest son of William J. Smith, of Usher Island, Dublin.

In Memoriam.

BROWNE.—In loving remembrance of my dear son, James Alfred Browne, who fell asleep in Jesus on the 5th October, 1896. I stood beside his dying bed and heard him sing—

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on his gentle breast;
There by his love o'ershadowed,
Sweetly my soul shall rest.

Inserted by his loving mother, M. Aplin.

GORDON.—In loving memory of Grace Henderson Gordon, who departed this life 5th October, 1897. Inserted by her loving husband and son.

LEVY.—In memory of our dear father, Michael Levy (late of Grenfell), who died October 5th, 1869. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, M. and D. Hart.

LEVY.—In loving memory of Michael Levy (late of Grenfell), who died 5th October, 1869. Inserted by his loving wife and children, Charlotte Levy and family, Glebe-road.

LYON.—In loving memory of my brother, Henry Lyon, who died at Fitzroy, Melbourne, October 13, 1897. Inserted by John Lyon, Devonshire-street, S.H.

TOOHEY.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, Joseph J. Toohey, who died at his residence, Renagh, Clare-street, Balmain, October 5th, 1898. Requiescat in pace. Inserted by his parents, brothers, and sisters.

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HIMALAYA	6850	W. L. Broun, R.N.R.	Oct. 21
*OCEANA	6901	L. R. Crawford, C.B.R.N.R.	Nov. 2
BRITANNIA	6521	C. H. Seymour	Nov. 18
INDIA	7011	T. Leigh	Dec. 2

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STUTTGART	5,048	A. Koenemann	...	Oct. 14
GERA	5,000	W. Meisel	Nov. 1	Nov. 11
*P.R. LUITPOLD	6,288	H. Walter	Nov. 18	Nov. 25
WEIMAR	4,806	H. Bieeker	Dec. 2	Dec. 9
BREMEN	10,525	R. Nierich	Dec. 16	Dec. 23
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R.M.S.	Tons	Commander.	Sydney, noon.	Melb., 1 p.m.	Adel. 9 p.m.
OROYA	6297	C. E. Lavington	Oct. 14	Oct. 17	Oct. 19
*OPHIR	6814	F. W. Kershaw	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Nov. 2
ORUBA	6837	J. Linklater	Nov. 11	Nov. 14	Nov. 16
ORMUZ	6292	R. W. Livett	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 30
*OMRAH	8291	J. F. Ruthven	Dec. 9	Dec. 12	Dec. 14

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ALAMEDA	Van Oteren	Oct. 25	Oct. 29	Nov. 17
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S.S. TALUNE, WEDNESDAY, October 18, at 5 p.m.
For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, and GLUCE, HOBART, and MELBOURNE, transhipping as to ports:—
S.S. MONOWAI, TUESDAY, October 10, at 5 p.m.
S.S. WAIKARE, FRIDAY, October 20, at 10 a.m.
TASMANIA.
For HOBART DIRECT—
S.S. NORTH LYELL, TO-DAY, THURSDAY, at noon October 10 and 25
From HOBART—
S.S. NORTH LYELL, October 10, 20, and 30
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ALBANY	
FREMANTLE	
GERALDTON	Transhipping for COSSACK and North-west Ports
BRISBANE	Ballarat, Saturday, 11 a.m., Oct. 7
MARYBOROUGH	Wodonga, Tues., 5 p.m., Oct. 10
BUNDABERG	Wodonga, Tues., 5 p.m., Oct. 10
GLADSTONE	Ballarat, Saturday, 11 a.m., Oct. 7
ROCKHAMPTON	Wodonga, Tues., 5 p.m., Oct. 10
And all QUEENSLAND PORTS to TOWNSVILLE and COOKTOWN	Ballarat, Saturday, 11 a.m., Oct. 7 Wodonga, Tues., 5 p.m., Oct. 10
THURSDAY ISL'D	Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Oct. 10
NORMANTON	Warrego, Tues., 5 p.m., Oct. 17
BURKETOWN	
NOUMEA	Steamer early.
LEVUKA	FIJI
SUVA	Rockton, Friday, 5 p.m., Oct. 6

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WARRNAMBOOL	
ADELAIDE	
WALLAROO	Gabo, Tuesday, October 31, 5 p.m.
PORT PIRIE	
PORT AUGUSTA	
ALBANY	Gabo, Tuesday, October 31, 5 p.m.
FREMANTLE	No transhipment.
BRISBANE	Lorna, Saturday, Oct. 7, 2 p.m.
MARYBOROUGH	Bunimong, Tuesday, October 10, 5 p.m.
ROCKHAMPTON	Tyrian, Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 p.m.
BUNDABERG	
MACKAY	Lorna, Saturday, October 7, 2 p.m.
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OCTOBER, 1899.

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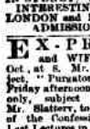

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Beware of "Coughs"!!
Remember! that Every Disease has its Commencement,
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HEARNE'S BRONCHITIS CURE.
The FAMOUS REMEDY for COUGHS, BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA, and CONSUMPTION, has the Largest Sale of Any Chest Medicine in Australia.
Those who have taken this medicine are amazed at its wonderful influence. Sufferers from any form of bronchitis, distressing cough, difficulty of breathing, hoarseness, pain or soreness in the chest, experience delightful and immediate relief, and to those who are subject to colds on the chest it is invaluable, as it effects a complete cure. It is most comforting in allaying irritation in the throat, and giving strength to the voice, and it neither allows a cough or asthma to become chronic, nor consumption to develop. Consumption has never been known to exist where "Coughs" have been properly treated with this medicine. No home should be without it, as, taken at the beginning, a dose is generally sufficient, and a complete cure is certain.
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ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality Goods for Lowest Cost buy from
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TENDERS FOR UNIFORMS.
TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, will be received until noon of TUESDAY, 10th instant, for the UNIFORMS required by this Company during the year 1900.
Full particulars on application at the Company's Head Office, Kent-street, Sydney.
R. J. LUKEY,
Secretary.
Sydney, 4th October, 1899.

BRICKLAYERS.—Tenders for Cottage, labour only. G. Fitzgibbon, builder, Gordon-rd., Roseville station.

BRICKLAYERS and Paperhanging.—Tenders req. for new Cottage, Hurrell and Bourke sts., Waverley.

BRICKLAYERS.—Wanted, Tenders 4 Houses, Williams-st., Broughton Estate, Paddington.

BRICK DRAYS wanted. Apply Croydon Steam Brick Company, Limited, Croydon.

CALCIMO, the only perfect cold-water calcimine for wall decoration, in kit packets. A. Hordern and Sons.

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IN THE ESTATE of DANIEL ANTHONY CASEY, trading as Casey Bros., Grocer, 153 Millerstreet, North Sydney.
TENDERS are invited and will be received at the offices of the undersigned up to noon on FRIDAY, the 6th OCTOBER, for the Purchase of the following Assets and Book Debts:—

Book Debts—Good	£409 16 1	
Doubtful	221 10 6	
Bad	112 12 10	
		£743 19 5

Tender forms may be obtained, and list of Book Debts inspected, at these offices.
The usual 10 per cent. deposit conditions.
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
WILLIAM H. PERRY,
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Hoffnung and Co., Incorporated Accountant.

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LARGE AND WELL-SITUATED YARD.
TENDERS will be received up to noon on FRIDAY, the 13th instant, for the Lease for three or five years, from 1st January next, of that large, level, and well-situated Yard at the corner of Mount and Denison streets, North Sydney, known as Warrington's, at present occupied by Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Dempsey. On the property are erected a small Dwelling and a shop.
The highest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.
A Deposit of ten per cent. of the annual rental offered should accompany Tender, which should be endorsed "Tender for Lease of Property, Mount and Denison streets," and be addressed to
H. F. BARTON,
Master in Lunacy.
Chancery-square, King-street,
Sydney, 4th October, 1899.

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PLUMBING and Plastering Cottage, top Wudgong-st., Mosman's. On job, or 27 Darling-st., Balmain.

SILICA PORTLAND CEMENT (guaranteed Government test), being 20 per cent. finer ground than ordinary Portland cement, gives greater bulk, weight for weight; it is free from expansion and contraction when in water. See Public Works Department and Professor Warren's reports. Scott, Sibbald, and Co., Ltd., 15 Pitt-st.

TENDERS.
The undersigned, having received instructions from Mr. D. BERGER, of Forbes, to offer for SALE by TENDER the undermentioned Assets, TENDERS are hereby invited, and will be received by us on and up to noon of FRIDAY, 20th instant.

LOT 1.
Stock-in-trade of Mr. Berger's General Store at Bourke, comprising:—

Drapery	£637	6 10
Clothing and Mercery	446	15 2
Ironmongery, &c.	278	7 9
Goods and Shoes	187	8 8
Grocery	93	1 9
		£1618 0 0

LOT 2.
Working Plant ... 33 12 6

LOT 3.
The well-known trading steamer Wandering Jew, with its 12-h.p. Engine, Boiler, Fittings, and Gear, including trade fixtures; ready for sea.

LOT 4.
The Trading Barge Sarah Browne.
The above-mentioned Steamer and Barge cost Mr. Berger ... £1750 0 0
£3416 12 6

NOTE.—The stock has been recently listed by Mr. Berger at valuation for purpose of sale; it is clean and in first-class condition.
The principal reason for disposing of his Bourke business is that his principal store at Forbes demands all his time and attention.
This affords a good opportunity for a small capitalist to step into and develop a well-established business, which has been run on practically cash lines.
The premises consist of two attached large and convenient stores, centrally situated; rent, 50s per week.
Tenders may be sent in for any of the lots separately or for the whole.
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
The usual 10 per cent. deposit conditions.
Tender forms may be had and copies of stock-sheets seen on application to Mr. THOMAS DAVIS, Accountant, 90 Pitt-street, Sydney; or to the man in charge at Bourke; or to Mr. BERGER, at Forbes, who will gladly answer all inquiries.
All tenders, marked "Tenders for business of D. Berger, Bourke," to be sent addressed to
PATTERSON, LAING, and BRUCE, Limited,
Sydney.

TENDERS will be received at the Offices of Messrs. Chemnall and Eddie, of Rose-chambers, 66 Castlereagh-street, by Messrs. Sheppard, Bellamy, and Co., Butcher's Slabs, Creak and Ford, Tiles; up to 5 o'clock, FRIDAY, the 6th October, 1899, for the Stock, Plant, and Fixtures on the premises lately occupied by Messrs. W. P. Lamb and Co., Clothiers and Mercers, of Hunter-street, Newcastle, and also for the Book Debts enumerated hereunder:—

LOT 1.

Clothing	£1049	6 8
Mercery, Haberdashery, and Sundries	651	0 1
Woollens	426	10 2
Hats	359	2 6
	£2486	19 5

LOT II.
Plant and Fixtures ... £75 0 0

LOT III.
Book Debts—Good ... £31 9 2
Bad and Doubtful ... 260 13 5
£291 2 7

Tenders can be made for the whole or for each or any number of items. Inventories can be had at Newcastle Tender. Stock-sheets can be seen, tender forms obtained, and any further information supplied at our offices, or at the premises in Newcastle. The stock is in exact condition and well assorted. A deposit of 10 per cent. to accompany each tender. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TENDERS are invited for the Erection of Brick Shop and Dwelling at Katoomba for Mrs. E. Whitman.
Tracings and Specifications may be seen at the offices of the undersigned. Tenders to come in on or before TUESDAY, October 10.
H. E. GOYDER,
Architect, Katoomba;
H. P. HALLORAN and CO.,
91 Pitt-street, Sydney.

TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.
We are prepared to Supply TESTED PORTLAND CEMENT, Rook Brand, in any quantity, at reduced prices. Country buyers will save 14 miles railway carriage.
GOODLET and SMITH, Limited,
Cement Works, Granville.

TENDERS, Plumbing Work. Laying on Water, Raglan-street, Mosman's. Apply
WILLIAM C. JONES,
Military-road, near Spit-road, Mosman.

TENDERS wanted for Extracting Two Stumps and Removing from Allotment (Crow's Nest), St. Leonards. Apply M. J. O'BRIEN, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Circular Quay.

TO DRAINERS.—Immediate Tenders wanted for Drainage, Residence, Point Piper.
GEO. M. PITT, Jun., Architect,
62 Hunter-street, Sydney.

TENDERS wanted Connect 6 Cottages and 1 House with Sewer; also Remove Closets and Erect 6 Bathrooms. ROBERT RICE, Tarlo, Wardell-road, Dulwich Hill.

TENDERS wanted for Connecting two Houses with Sewer. Apply, Sharpe and Co., 61 Frazer-st., Petsham.

TENDERS wanted for Building Workshop, labour and material. Apply 548 Elizabeth-st., Strawberry Hills.

TENDERS Brickwork, Plumbing, and Tiling of Cottage. Apply 27 Darling-st., Balmain.

TENDERS Floor Laying, Stephens, Theatre Royal, Castlereagh-st.

TENDERS are invited for Connecting 3 shops with Sewer. Scott and Co., Strand, Balmain.

TENDERS for Flooring, Geo. Fitzgibbon, builder, Gordon-rd., Roseville station.

TENDERS wanted for Connecting with Main Sewer at Summer Hill. Apply 150 Pitt-st., Sydney.

TENDERS wanted to Paint Cottage, Dudley-st., Randwick. T. Beeley, Warwick, Dudley-st., Randwick.

TENDERS wanted, Brickwork, Brownie House, i.c. C. Banner, builder, Jessamine-st., Alexandria.

WANTED, TENDERS, Connect with Sewer. Plan at 14 Bridge-st., Summer Hill.

MARBLE and Slate Nosings, Washtops, Mantels, and Tiles, Grates Baths, Metal Ceilings, Sheet Lead and Pipe, Cement, Plaster, Bakers' Oven Metal and Tiles, &c., Only Iron, &c. G. E. CRANE and SONS, 19-31 Pitt-st., N.

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MIRANDA OF THE BALCONY.

By A. E. W. MASON,
Author of "The Courtship of Morrice Buckler," "The Philanderers," &c.

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CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

Show the Use which a Blind Man may make of a Dark Night.

Hassan picked up the hobbles, each with a cleft stick, and brought them over to Bentham. "Now the dog of a Christian will speak," said he.

Bentham summoned all his courage, all his strength, and was silent. Hassan reached out his hands, and drew his legs from under him, and fitted the hobbles over his slippers, and fixed them round his ankles like a pair of fetters.

Bentham uttered a cry—it was almost a scream—as the iron burnt into his flesh. He kicked, he struggled to free his legs, to free his hands; but Hassan Akbar dragged him forward, thrust him down upon his back, and pinned his shoulders to the ground. Bentham could do no more than vainly writhe convulsive movements of his limbs. The hot iron rings clung to his ankles; the smoke from the wood fire stooked him, the smell of burning flesh was acrid in his nostrils. Agony redoubled his strength, but even so he was too crippled, and Hassan's grasp upon his shoulders did not relax.

In the end Hassan had his heart's desire, and Bentham spoke. He spoke too in the low voice which Hassan enjoined, though he used it without thought to obey,—low, voluble, earnest prayers for mercy, and then again voluble curses, and again voluble appeals for pity, and at the end of it a broken whimpering, as though his strength was gone, and the convulsive jerks which a fish makes in a basket.

All the while Hassan held him down, listening to the appeals, the prayers, the curses, with an untouched gravity of face. "It is indeed you; I have made no mistake," and he freed him from the burning fetters, and opened the flap of the tent. Bentham rolled over on his side with his face to the opening, and lay there shaking, moaning. "Now I will tell you what I have planned for you," continued Hassan. "I thought at first to kill you, but it is so small a thing. Then I remembered words you once told me, that you had trouble with your own people and could not ask them for protection. So friends of mine from Beni Hassan, who go upon their way to-night, will take you with them, and sell you when they are far away. And for the rest of your days you will carry loads upon your back up and down the inlands of Morocco, and your masters will beat you, and if you faint and are tired, they will do strange things to make you suffer, even as I did with the hobbles. Lo, here my friends come."

The sound of steps came to their ears. A few moments later a hand fumbled at the flap of the tent, opened it, and a head was thrust in. "Is it you, Hassan Akbar?"

"Yes," replied Hassan, "and here is the Room whom you promised to take out of my path. He will fetch a price, and besides I give to you his mule, which you will find tethered to the tent."

"And the saddle, too, Hassan, is it not so?"

"It is."

Meanwhile Hassan cut Bentham's clothes from him as he lay upon the ground, and taking off his own sack, cast it for a garment over Bentham's shoulders, and wrapped himself in the dark cloak In the place of that cloak he tied over Bentham's mouth a thick rag. Then he thrust him out of the tent, and jerked him on to his feet. Bentham made no longer any resistance; he let them do with him as they were pleased; and he stood tottering and swaying.

Five Arabs waited outside the tent. "He cannot walk, he shall ride the mule this night," said the chief of them. "To-morrow he shall learn to walk."

They hoisted Bentham on to the back of the mule, and tied him there with leathern thongs. Then they started on their long journey.

The cool night air after the stifling tent revived the man who perforce rode the mule. It did not give him strength to resist, or as yet even the impulse to cry out; but it restored to him the power to hear and to understand. What he heard was a distant clock below him in Tangier striking an hour; what he understood was, that the hour it struck was only one o'clock.

CHAPTER X.

M. Fournier expounds the advantages which each sex has over the other.

The long interview with Wilbraham in the Alameda of Ronda had consequences for Miranda which she felt, but did not trace to their source. It was not merely that she sickened at the vulgar, futile story of his ruin; that she saw in imagination the wretched victim he had run to earth across two continents, closing the door and slipping the pistol-barrel between his teeth; that she loathed the knowledge that this man was henceforward her gaoler; but she took him and the bitter years of her marriage together in her thoughts, and using them as premises began doubtfully to draw universal conclusions.

These conclusions Miranda hazarded at times in the form of questions to her companion Jane Holt, and sought answers from her as from one who had great experience of the tortuous conduct of men. Were men trustworthy at all? If so, were there any means by which a woman could test their trustworthiness? Those two questions were the most constant upon Miranda's tongue, and Jane Holt answered them with assurance, and in her own way.

Wilbraham had not erred when he described her as a sentimentalist with grievances. Sentimentalism was the shallows of her nature, and she had no depths. Her conversation ran continually upon the "big things," as she termed them, such as devotion, endurance, self-sacrifice and the rest, in which qualities men were singularly deficient. She meant, however, only devotion to her, endurance of her, self-sacrifice for her, of which it was not unnatural that men should tire, seeing who it was that demanded them. Yet she had enjoyed her share, and more than her share. For though incapable of passion herself she had in her youth possessed the trick of inspiring it, but without the power, perhaps through her own incapacity, of keeping it alive, and no doubt, too, because upon a moderate acquaintance she conveyed an impression of inherent falsity. For being a sentimentalist she lived in a false world, on the borders of a lie, never quite telling it perhaps, and certainly never quite not telling it. She was by nature exigent, for she was in her own eyes the pivot of her little world, and for the wider world beyond, she had no eyes whatever. And her exigence took amusing or irritating shapes according to the point of view of those who suffered it. For instance, you must never praise her costumes, of which she had many, and those worthy of praise, but the high qualities of her mind which were few and often of no taste whatever. It should be added, that she had always favoured an inferior before an equal. For it pleased her above all things to condescend, since she secured thus a double flattery, in the knowledge of her own condescension, and in the grateful humility of those to whom she condescended.

It can be foreseen, then, what answers this woman—who was tall, and still retained the elegance of her figure, and would have still retained the good looks of her face, but that it was written upon by many grievances—would give to Miranda's questions.

"You can trust no men. You must bribe them with cajoleries, you must play the coquette: you must enlist their vanity. They are all trivial, and the big things do not appeal to them."

Miranda listened. She was accustomed to Jane Holt, and had no longer a reasoned conception of her character. Habit had dulled her impressions. She remembered only that Jane Holt had had much experience of men wherein she herself was wofully deficient. Jane Holt embroidered her theme; a pretty display of petulance, the seemingly accidental disclosure of an ankle, a voluntary involuntary pressure of the arm, these things had power to persuade the male mind, such as it is, and to enmesh that worthless thing the male heart.

"One might have a man for a friend, perhaps," suggested Miranda hopefully.

"My poor Miranda!" exclaimed Miss Holt. "No wonder your marriage was a failure. Men pretend friendship for a woman at times, but they mean something else."

The moral was always that they were not to be trusted, and Miranda, vividly recollecting Ralph Warriner and Wilbraham, listened and wondered, listened and wondered, until she would rise of a sudden and take refuge in her own parlour, of which the window looked out across the valley to the hills, where she would sit with a throbbing forehead pressed upon her palms, certain, certain, that the hostility was not true, and yet half distracted lest it should be true.

On the morrow of one such conversation, and one such flight, Miss Holt came into the little parlour—a cool, dark-panelled, low-roofed room of which the door gave on to the patio—and found Miranda searching the room.

"Do you know what month this is?" Miss Holt asked severely.

"October."

"Quite so," and great emphasis was laid upon the words.

"I know," replied Miranda penitently, as she crossed over to a table and lifted the books. "We have been here all the summer; it has been very hot. I am sorry, but I was compelled to stay. I did not know what might occur, and," she anxiously turned over the letters and papers on her writing-table in the window, "it was some comfort, I admit, to feel that one was near—" She stopped suddenly and resumed in confusion, "I mean I did not know what might happen."

Jane Holt looked at her with great displeasure, but said nothing until Miranda began hurriedly to open and shut the drawers of her writing table. Then she said irritably, "What in the world are you looking for?"

Miranda stood up and looked round the room. "There was a glove," she said absently.

"Yes, I threw it away."

"Threw it away!" Miranda stared at Jane Holt with a look of complete dismay. "You don't mean that. Oh, you can't mean it!"

"Indeed I do; it was torn across the palm."

"I left it lying there, on my writing-desk, yesterday, after you and I had been talking—" She left the sentence unfinished.

"Yes, and I found it there. It was torn, so I had it thrown away."

Miranda rang a hand-bell, and ordered search to be made for the glove. It could not be found; it had been burnt with the answered letters.

"Very well," said Miranda, and the servant retired. Miranda sat down and showed to Jane Holt a face of which the expression was almost scared.

"What does it matter?" exclaimed Jane. "The glove was torn; you could never have used it."

"No," answered Miranda quickly, almost guiltily it seemed. "I should never have used it. I never meant to use it. The glove was only a symbol; it was no more than that, it represented a belief. I can retain the belief no doubt. No doubt, though I have lost the glove—"

"What in the world are you talking about?" interrupted Jane Holt.

"Nothing, nothing," answered Miranda with a start. The loss of the glove had so dismayed her that she had forgotten who it was she had been speaking to, or indeed that she was speaking to anyone. She had merely uttered her thoughts, for she had come to look upon that glove, which under no circumstances would she use, as none the less a safeguard, and of late, in particular, she had fallen into a habit of taking it from the drawer in which it rested and setting it before her eyes, of stating it, as it were, as a refutation of Jane Holt's ready opinions.

Jane Holt shook her head. "You have changed very much towards me, Miranda. You are growing secret. I don't want to know. I would not press anyone for their confidence; but I may think it strange, I suppose?" She folded her arms across her breast and tapped with her fingers upon her elbows. "I suppose I may think it strange; and if anyone took the trouble to give me a thought, perhaps anyone might believe that I had a right to feel hurt. But I don't. Please don't run away with that idea! No, I cannot allow you, Miranda, to fancy for a moment that I should feel hurt. But I do notice that you jump whenever there is a knock at the door. There! What did I say?"

(To be continued.)

MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT.

BORA CREEK SILVER BELT.

(BY OUR SPECIAL MINING REPORTER.)

IV

The continuity of the Conrad lode is marked by its regularity for at least two and a half miles on the south. In fact right to the Bora Creek Extended the lode traverses the country, its capping being exposed at short distances apart by shallow shafts and costeens. The distance between the Conrad mine main workings and the Bora Creek Extended shaft cannot be less than two miles. On the south end of the main Conrad block the country makes into a long stretch of flat country, at the end of which it rises again into the higher mountain spurs and then follows over the ridge to a stretch of flat country in the vicinity of the Bora Extended Company's property. A feature about this end of the main belt is that the capping of the lode makes into a quartz body above the surface on the higher country, but the capping is hidden in the flat land. Beyond proving the continuity of the lode nature no further work has been done, and it is only interesting to note the regularity with which the lode strikes through this long length of country, presenting lasting possibilities of other equally important sections being developed to that of the Conrad mine. The Bora Extended Company are sinking and widening their main prospecting shaft, which was formerly sunk to a depth of 120ft., so as to make room for a more speedy means of haulage. The exact location of the shaft is on the higher part of the flat land, which is showing the apex of the lode through this portion of the property. Two shafts have already been sunk—No. 1, 120ft., and No. 2, some distance further south, 60ft. The whole of present operations are, however, centred on No. 1 shaft. High assay values have been taken from a well-defined lode in No. 1 shaft, which is said also shows fair ore. The lode as exposed in No. 1 shaft shows a high grade copper chute, indicating, as pointed out in a previous report, that on this fissure lode there are copper as well as lead chutes. Both lead and copper ore of high grade have been found in the shafts, but copper predominates. It is very satisfactory to note that at such a distance on the level of the lode from the main mine of the camp such promising prospects have been obtained. Mr. Osbeston, manager of the Conrad mine, has just been appointed to superintend future operations, which is a guarantee that work will be pushed forward. The main shaft is to be continued to a depth of 220ft. from surface, at which point it may be fairly expected a compact ore body will be found in a more regular channel, although at present depths the lode is fairly well defined. In sinking the shaft the lode was found to vary from 8in. to 2ft. Outside people own the bulk of the shares in this company, the head office being in Brisbane, and the most of the shares are owned by men living in that city. The general surroundings are most favourable for the establishment of another reduction works. And all that is needed is development and equipment. These matters it is hoped will come in due course.

Prospectors are developing ground on a high range which has lately been christened Mount Drew. Mount Drew is amongst the many shows recently taken up and on which shallow prospecting holes have been sunk, as on the north, east, and west ends of the Bora Creek silver belt. Quartzite reefs form the capping of what is considered to be the lode of Mount Drew. Small streaks of galena occur in the formation, with zinc and mispickel. The owners consider they have a good show, and are preparing to further prospect the spot. M'Crohan and party and Parker and party own blocks of ground to the west of Mount Drew, both of which are being developed. Galena of rather better quality than is found in most places off the main belt occurs in both these claims. There is no variation in the class of country in which any of these deposits are found, and they are in much about the same stage of development. Huge cragged and craggy porphyritic boulders and flat tabulike slabs of similar rock cover the whole of the surface of rough and rugged ranges, difficult of access and still more difficult to prospect. Beyond the main line, on which the Conrad, King Conrad, Australian Diamond Fields, Limited, and the Bora Creek Extended properties are located, no show has so far been found which can be traced to any extent of regularity. The outside country has one virtue—it is all new; and whilst there is only one producing mine on the camp, there are other valuable shows on the same line, and there is room still left for the prospector and the employment of capital.

I omitte1 to state in my first article on this camp that quite a number of houses (business and private) are being erected close to the Conrad mine, which occupies the central position. In a short while Bora Creek will be a busy mining centre.

ROYAL MINT.

ABSTRACT OF TRANSACTIONS.

Particulars.		Sept., 1899.	Since Jan. 1.
Weight of Gold received for Coinage—		Oz.	Oz.
	New South Wales	6,272·15	171,868·63
	Queensland	53,588·63	355,201·66
	New Zealand		100,740·84
	Victoria	40·48	240·21
	South Australia		67·82
	Tasmania	1,235·86	14,593·75
	Western Australia	7·25	6,931·41
	Other Countries		6,125·34
	Coin		101·78
Total		61,375·09	650,082·79
Gross value of the above		£11,...,690 3 8	£2,318,729 12 7
Gold Coin and Gold Bullion issued—			
	Sovereigns	£109,000 0 0	£2,270,000 0 0
	Coin + Half-sovereigns	10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0
	Bullion	Nil.	48,405 14 8
Total		£250,000 0 0	£2,317,405 14 8
Silver Bullion issued		£1,734 7 5	£4,867 0 4
New Silver Coin issued		6,000 0 0	42,200 0 0
New Bronze Coin issued		50 0 0	1,000 0 0
Worn Silver Coin withdrawn from circulation		898 18 6	8,798 18 0
Revenue + Mint Receipts paid over + Escort Charges		880 18 8	10,900 18 0
		64 6 11	560 17 4

SOME NOTES FROM THE HIGHLANDS.

(BY OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.)

BANAVIE, Aug. 24.

I write this letter under the shadow of Ben Nevis, and far, it may be thought, from the madding crowd. As a matter of fact I have no depressing sense of solitude—my feeling is rather painfully the reverse. After travelling in boats, on the upper decks of which, when the weather is fair, the passengers are packed or pack themselves like herrings, and on coaches in which there is not a seat to spare, to find refuge at night in hotels where, to make things safe, rooms have to be engaged a week beforehand, the tired Londoner begins to feel that he carries the atmosphere of the metropolis with him as a tortoise carries his shell upon his back. Then you come

OUR AMERICAN LETTER.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S RECEPTION.

ELABORATE PREPARATIONS IN NEW YORK.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.

Admiral Dewey has cabled that his flagship, the Olympia, will anchor at Quarantine in the harbour of New York on the morning of the 29th instant, "without fail," thus showing a confidence in human ability to rise superior to storms and fogs, and other "sad casualties and evil accidents," which his Puritan forebears would have surely condemned as impious. But all through the recent tests every vessel of the new navy proved equal to every strain, and the Olympia will not probably be the first delinquent. Awaiting her there will be a fleet of vessels of all sorts and sizes, more numerous than perhaps has ever before been gathered together. Weeks ago every craft along the 4000 miles of the eastern American coast that can be spared from daily work was chartered at any prices asked, and these will all be packed with as many souls, or at any rate bodies, as they can carry. But the harbour will be vigorously policed, and as every vessel will have its assigned place in the procession up the river to Grant's Tomb, there will be neither confusion nor accident. Lining the shores four or five millions of men, women, and children will shout a welcome, and on floats at intervals the many scores of singing societies, which are now practising three nights a week, will try to make the "Star Spangled Banner" board above the hoarse roar of the crowd. One fortunate society, the Bank Clerks' Glee Club, because of its admitted excellence, with 100 picked singers, will have a place in the parade near enough to be heard by the Admiral himself. There will also be, either on the first or the second day of the celebration, a triumphal march of seven miles through the centre of the great city, passing at Madison-square beneath a mammoth arch of wood and plaster which, if approved by the popular voice, will, like the Arch of Columbus and the Centennial Arch, be rebuilt in marble and bronze. It is a variation upon the Arch of Titus, with many decorative figures and groups—the "Call to Arms," "The Battle at Sea," the "Return of the Victors," and "Peace Again"—all given as a labour of love by the associated artists of the city. The whole is surmounted with a colossal quadriga of sea-horses drawing the ship of victory, by J. Q. A. Ward, and this will have to be "equipped "in an open air studio upon the top of the arch itself. Two sculptors, Caspar Buberi and G. Turini, both men of mark, have died while at work upon their tasks; and Mr. Ward himself yesterday had a fainting fit, no doubt from over exertion. Indeed, it is hard even for the most prosaic of citizens to repel the surrounding contagion of enthusiasm. The regular committee of arrangements is 500 strong, but there are hundreds—literally hundreds—of auxiliary committees. At Tiffany's, four sets of workmen are fashioning day and night a monster loving-cup of solid gold, and prize swords and wreaths and countless other like offerings are being shaped and wrought all over the country. It is not practicable to strew the way with flowers, but the custom of ringing confetti of red, white, and blue paper will be borrowed from the Mardi Gras Festival at New Orleans, and tons of millions of these pretty favours have already been prepared, and will flutter down from "magnificent, many-storied" Broadway before the chariot of the great Admiral, as a carpet for its steeds and the following 250 bronzed grim veterans of the Olympia. After all, the hero fares indifferently well even in democratic America.

As soon as the festivities are over the Admiral will meet the other returned members of the advisory commission and the President, and the Administration will shape out a clear-cut Philippine policy. In anticipation of this, the President this week, in a ringing speech welcoming them to Pittsburgh the Tenth Pennsylvania, announced that the war would be prosecuted henceforth "without parley" with the rebels. He also generously took upon himself all the blame for the delay in opening the campaign, for which General Otis has been so mercilessly abused. The Admiral will not only have the executive control of the navy, but will also specially supervise the work on the new ships. These are fast progressing by the dozen towards completion, and Congress will authorise as many others as can be properly officered and manned. Even the men who are opposed to an increase in the regular army are not unfriendly to the navy, for it is felt that the danger of European interference with Central and South America can be best met by more ships. And Admiral Dewey is known to hold this view so strongly that perhaps, if he were thwarted, he might (as General Grant did, in order to help the army) take the leadership of one of the great parties, and, in that case, he would almost certainly be elected President. As a sort of reserve of potential political energy, the Admiral, as long as he lives, will therefore be a factor in American affairs by no means to be ignored.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

Ohio is the first of the great States to declare platforms, which though nominally merely for the State election of this year, are really tentative efforts for a national platform in the great conventions next year. The Republicans are, of course, for expansion, and the Democrats, while deprecating the Philippine war as unnecessary, are careful not to oppose its prosecution. Both parties abuse the Trusts. The most distinctive Democratic plank is an effort to catch the Irish and the German vote (for the German is as fiercely opposed to what he usually calls the "English oligarchy" as the Irishman) by denouncing "the secret and vicious alliance now in evidence between England and the Republican Administration." There is, in fact, of course, no such alliance; nor do Irish and Germans, except in rare instances, believe that there is, but a political cry need not be bad because it is false. But the result in November will probably be a decisive victory for Mr. M'Kinley, and in that case the cry will have been both false and foolish. Meanwhile the boss of Tammany Hall, Mr. Croker, has got back from his English summer home at Wantage, and has given in his adhesion to Mr. Bryan for a renomination. Hitherto, the only rival to Mr. Bryan has been a protege of Mr. Croker, Judge Van Wyck; and so, if Mr. Bryan would now stay at home and quietly wait upon events, the Convention would surely name him as its standard-bearer. But he seems to love the excitement of speech-making, and may yet say or do something which will mar his prospects in a moment beyond hope of retrieval. Blaine, indeed, lost the Presidency even after the nomination, not by what he did or said, but simply by failing to say promptly that Mr. Burchard's unhappy remark about "Rum, Romanism, and Rebellion" was not true American sentiment.

THE INDUSTRIAL POLICY.

The iron trade has passed into a curiously topsy-turvy condition. It was not long ago hailed as a great thing that America should export pig iron and steel to England; and now it is hailed as a greater thing still that we should import the same raw material from England. But it is now imported because the demand for finished American manufactured steel goods has outstripped the capacity of the mines and furnaces to supply the raw steel. In some cases, English steel, imported into America, is re-exported to England as manufactured merchandise. Such a condition is merely temporary, for American resources in producing the raw material are practically limitless for centuries to come; but it speaks volumes for the utterly unprecedented prosperity in which the country is now basking. Within the past few years tens of thousands of new fortunes have been made, and some of them very large ones; and it is amusing to watch these new plutocrats pushing the older magnates into the background. Some of the older men, however, have been simply nerved up to yet more strenuous efforts. Thus, Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt has just consummated what is prosaically called a "deal," by means of which he will control one, and indirectly also a second route clear across the continent, an investment of from 100 to 150 millions of English pounds sterling, and employing 120,000 men. Even that is believed to be simply preliminary to a yet vaster project. But, of course, Mr. Vanderbilt is merely acting as the leader of a following of hundreds of large and thousands of small investors; and his own profits are a very small percentage of the whole gain made by the adoption of more economical and efficient methods of organisation and management. Owing to the enormous expansion of business the circulation has automatically increased by the importation of gold from Europe and the retention of the 65,000,000dol. now annually produced at home, but the inconvenience of a currency of coin to a public habituated to the use of paper has forced the Government to resume the issue of so-called gold-certificates—that is, paper notes in exchange for gold deposited in the Treasury. In 23 days 36,000,000dol. have thus been handed over to the Government. The cost of printing the notes is very small, and will be more than made up probably by the accidental destruction of the paper. In that case, however, the money held against the vanished paper will remain for ever in the Treasury vaults, for there will be no way of reissuing it. As is estimated, from 20 to 30 millions of the greenbacks nominally outstanding have during the 35 years of paper emission been destroyed—5,000,000dol. having certainly been burned up in the Chicago fire alone, and the national debt is by just so much smaller, and the national circulation also, than is shown by the official balance-sheet.

CONFERENCE ON TRUSTS AND COMBINATIONS.

Two weeks hence, at Chicago, under the auspices of the Civic Federation, there is to be a notable conference to consider "Trusts and Combinations, Their Uses and Abuses, Railway, Labour, Industrial, and Commercial." Invitations were issued to all the States, and there will be official delegations from 21 of them, many headed by the Governors themselves. Fifty senators and representatives in Congress have at their own request been awarded seats, and the discussion will be perhaps all the more exhaustive because the call states the object of the gathering to be "purely educational" and "strictly non-partisan." Senator Kyle, the chairman of the Federal Industrial Commission, which for months has been taking testimony on this very matter, and the Interstate Commerce Commission, which probably, in the event of legislation, will be charged with the duty of sweeping away all discrimination in favour of trusts in the crucial matter of transportation, will present papers hardly to be distinguished from official reports. Both sides of the controversy will also have a notable English representative, invited at their solicitation, but none the less cordially welcome—Mr. E. J. Smith for, and Mr. A. W. Still, of the "Birmingham Gazette," against combinations. With so much inflammable material in evidence, it will be strange indeed if the debates are not occasionally illustrated with pyrotechnics, but this will only serve to yet further heighten public interest in what now seems to be a question too engrossingly important to be regarded longer as a party issue. Every month some new group of interests takes alarm. The latest protest has come from the utterly unexpected quarter of the banks, which have formally met and considered what they will do if the contemplated amalgamation of all the Fall River mills should be consummated. This would mean an aggregation of 150,000,000dol. of fixed capital in a business which has hitherto, owing to the special exigencies of the cotton market, been aided by occasional loans of enormous amounts from the banks. Can the banks as safely trust the judgment of a single board, led by the nose perhaps by a single leader, as it has hitherto trusted the judgment of 50 boards, differing widely from each other, but establishing between them an average mean of opinion? The banks seem inclined to say no, and many of them will decline to discount the Trust paper. One feature of the coming Chicago conference, it will be noticed, is to bring home to the public mind the fact that the labour union is in conception and in purpose the very closest and most despotic of all trusts. But for obvious reasons the tyranny of the labour union is by no means so easily maintained as the tyranny of a compact aggregate of capitalist manufacturers.

IMPROVEMENT IN CITY GOVERNMENT.

And after all there is now a well-founded hope that the great reproach of American popular institutions—the misgovernment of the great cities—will in time be swept away into the limbo of extinct abuses. The root of the evil has been the apparent powerlessness of the people at large to control the party machinery. The polls on election day have been well enough guarded, but until very recently the management of the so-called primary elections, at which the delegates to nominating conventions are voted for, has been held to be a matter of private party business. But one State after another is protecting the primary election with all the sanctions of the law. In New York, for example, a voter by registering himself as a Republican or Democrat can vote at the party primaries, even though the leaders of that party should repudiate him. But it will probably take several years to make the voters realise that they have the power in their own hands, not merely to defeat bad candidates, but also to nominate good ones—a very different matter. Still, at San Francisco, where a similar law has been passed, an attempt by the two machines secretly to agree upon a division of the offices and spoils—or at any rate a belief that such an attempt was contemplated—led to a revolt in both parties and a defeat of both bosses by a vote of more than three to one. This result has struck all other cities—notably New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia—and the bosses thereof dumb with amazement. Practically, however, the new system simply restores to the people of the city in some measure the power which the people of many small towns enjoy of making their own nominations. Of course, if it turns out that a majority of the people do indeed desire to elect bad and corrupt men, the bosses will still hold their own. But this is improbable, for even Tammany Hall names its more presentable men for election by the people, and finds places for its baser element by appointment. San Francisco, in spite of past corruption, is absolutely free from debt, and starts out therefore in its new life with a brand new, up-to-date charter under the fairest of auspices. To be the pioneer in successful municipal reform is a distinction indeed to be coveted, and there is besides, perhaps, a desire to show the "half-civilised and semi-European" populations of the older States that California is remarkable for something more than her "glorious climate."

THE PARCELS POST SYSTEM.

For several years past the trade with Mexico and the West Indies has been greatly stimulated by the introduction of a parcels post system. But for obvious reasons the Government has not desired to make the Post Office an agency for distributing the goods of European merchants, and all overtures for like conventions made by France, England, and Italy have been refused on the ground that the enormous territory of the United States made it inexpedient and unprofitable to extend the system to other than American States. And now suddenly it is announced that Germany is alone to enjoy this coveted privilege, and all the other European countries are complaining loudly at the discrimination against them. But the reply is that until it is seen how the experiment works, no more conventions will be concluded. The motive for favouring Germany is not love of the Kaiser, but a desire to gain the goodwill of the German-American voter. Every German now can do his own importing of the little creature comforts which he most misses in his new home, and even if he lives in a remote county of the far west he can now get his favourite sort of sausage and make of pipe. The minimum rate from Germany will be a little more than an English shilling for about 2lb., or double that rate for any heavier package 2lb., or double that rate for any heavier package up to 11lb. The rate from America will be 12 cents per lb. No doubt, both to and from Germany, there will be a great increase of trade, and it is now rumoured that the Kaiser will instruct his brother, Prince Henry, now in China, to come to San Francisco and thence to Washington to visit the President. It is Prince Henry whose disrespect to the American President caused Admiral Dewey to lose a dinner table, and this grudge twice came very near to causing a war between the two countries. But it is one of the duties of a great Prince to accept accomplished facts, no matter how unpleasant, and whatever the Kaiser may think about the late war, he is above all things anxious to live on good terms with the victor.

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Illustrations of Saturday's cycling races are given in this week's Mail.—Advt.

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THE UNEMPLOYED.

WORK OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.

SECOND PROGRESS REPORT.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS.

The second progress report of the Unemployed Advisory Board has been presented to the Premier. A number of important recommendations are made. The board recommend for the alleviation of the unemployed evil a composite scheme, consisting of (a) receiving depot, (b) industrial farm, and (c) assisted settlement blocks. The areas should consist of blocks contiguous to Sydney and other large centres of population, for receiving depots; considerable areas for industrial farm settlements, and large areas for cutting up into blocks for assisted settlers. No land should be alienated. The State should be the sole owner. The control of the settlements should be under a board to be appointed by the Government, including, if possible, the Minister for Lands and the Minister for Labour. The Board of Control should have power to report to the Government, to inspect the various settlements, to suspend or suggest the removal of employees; to offer advice, and generally to control the administration of the settlements, including their finances, subject in all cases to the approval of the Government.

RECEIVING DEPOTS.

The receiving depots should be open to all persons, excepting those of notoriously bad character, as a temporary refuge, subject to their good behaviour. Every effort should be made to replace the inmates in the ordinary channels of employment. The receiving depots should not be regarded as self-supporting institutions, but every effort should be made, by the labour of the inmates, to reduce the expenditure as much as possible. Men and women, if found suitable, should be eligible for the industrial farm settlements.

INDUSTRIAL FARM SETTLEMENTS.

The proposed industrial farm settlements should be managed by persons selected on the advice of the Board of Control. Every endeavour should be made to find employment in the ordinary channels of industry, and every person desirous of taking up such employment should be afforded every assistance in reaching and obtaining the same. Entrants should be on an equality, but subsequently a careful classification of the settlers should form a feature in the management of the industrial farm settlements. While the industrial farm settlements cannot be expected to be self-supporting from their initiation, every effort should be made to make them so. Intending settlers may be admitted at the discretion of the Board of Control, and no one should be permitted to withdraw from a settlement without giving such notice as the board may require. All preliminary work—clearing, roadmaking, building, &c.—should be done by the settlers, each man being credited with his share of work performed, the cost to be viewed as a charge against the settlement. Every effort should be made to establish the greatest diversity of employment of which the land and inmates are capable, both agricultural and manufacturing. As far as may be, everything consumed or used on a settlement should be produced or manufactured there. Except in cases of emergency, no adult should be required to work more than eight hours a day. Remuneration and privileges should be made to settlers by board, residence, clothing, &c., on a scale of allowance in proportion to the work done and to the resources available. So far as may be possible, competition with outside industries should be avoided. As a part of the system there should be a department of technical education, to the classes of which every inmate should be required to attend. Those settlers on the industrial farm settlements who have shown the necessary aptitude and trustworthiness should be afforded an opportunity of taking up their own settlements. The rules should not be unduly oppressive or inquisitorial, but should include prompt dismissal for disobedience, wilfulness, drunkenness, and immorality; and transfer to the charitable institutions in cases of incapacity.

ASSISTED SETTLEMENT BLOCKS.

For the purposes of assisted settlement blocks the Government should, as reasonably arises, select and set aside such areas of suitable land as may be deemed sufficient. The areas should be determined by the nature, whose dimensions are regulated by the climate, the quality of the soil, and position as regards a market, but in all cases each block should be equal to the support of a family. Occupation and use should be an obligatory condition, and all leases should be subject to forfeiture if these primary conditions are not carried out. Intending settlers should be considered eligible for admission at the age of 18 years. The Board of Control should have power to declare any applicant unsuitable, but as a general rule the applications of the married men should be considered before those of single men. Each applicant should pay a rent an amount equal to 2½ per cent. on the value of the land, such payment to commence at the end of the second year. All lands thus leased should be subject to reappraisement. Provided that no such reappraisement should take place in consequence of any improvements effected by the settlers during the first expenditures of the settlers thereon. Where necessary, the Government should assist settlers to erect dwelling-houses, farm buildings, and other improvements, or with tools and seeds; such advances to be a first charge on the said improvements, to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent., and to be repayable in annual instalments extending over a period of 20 years. For every assistance granted to a settler, improvement of equivalent value, as assessed by the Board of Control, should be put upon such settler's block. Where improvements made at Government cost are of sufficient value, their insurance should be provided for at the cost of the settler. No settler should be permitted, unless under special circumstances to be decided by the board, to hold more than one block, nor should he be permitted to sub-divide or alienate such block. Each lease should contain a clause providing that such lease may at any time be cancelled if, in the opinion of the Board of Control, it is not being used to the best advantage or for the best purpose, or if, in the opinion of the board, the continued residence of the lessee be from any cause not conducive to the interest of the settlement. In such case tenant right, as hereinafter provided for, should accrue. Leases should contain provisions to secure the creation and maintenance of channels for drainage or irrigation purposes, and the preservation or planting of trees for timber and shade, and such reservations of rights, powers, minerals, and materials as may appear to the Board of Control necessary in the interests of the settlement. In case the obligation to reside on the blocks or the payment of any sums due as rent be not duly performed, the lease should be subject to forfeiture. Should any settler abandon his holding without repaying the advances made to him thereon, he should not again be eligible to take up land under this scheme, unless under extenuating circumstances. A settler should, with the approval of the Board of Control, be at liberty to transfer his holding and the rights appertaining to it. But no such transfer should be approved unless made bona fide, and not for the purpose of evading any forfeiture or penalty imposed or about to be imposed by the Board of Control. No transfer of any block should be at any time made, except by the approval of the Board of Control, who must also approve of the proposed transferee, who should be subject to precisely the same conditions as those which governed the transferor.

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DINNER TO MR. A. W. JOSE.

Some of the friends of Mr. A. W. Jose tendered him a dinner at the Trocadero Cafe on Tuesday night in recognition of his services to Australian literature. Mr. Richard Croft presided, and amongst those present were Mr. Long (president Society of Artists), Mr. J. Ashton, Mr. G. Thomas, Mr. W. B. Beattie, Mr. F. Leist, Mr. A. G. Stephens (Australasian Literary Agency), Mr. Torrington, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Saunders, and others. The chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, referred to the assistance Mr. Jose had given to the University in reference to the extension lectures. There was very little doubt that in his new position as London representative of the Australasian Literary Agency he would give invaluable assistance to Australian writers in introducing their work to London publishers. Other gentlemen spoke to the toast. Mr. Jose, in responding, referred to the pleasures of the friendships he had made in the colony and to the nature of his mission to London. In any survey of land for assisted settlement, ample provision should be made for a village reserve, in which small residential blocks of land should be set apart for lease to such of the settlers as may desire to avail themselves of them. The Board of Control should be empowered, after the expiration of settlement, to grant prizes for—1. General efficiency in agriculture and farm improvements. 2. Taste in homestead decoration, or work done in vegetable and flower gardening. 3. Production and development of live stock of any and all kinds. Or such other purposes as they may think fit. The Board of Control should be empowered to carry out such features of co-operation as they may consider desirable, including the power to lease land to parties of co-

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OLD AGE PENSIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your report of Mr. Bruce Smith's lecture to the members of the Bankers' Institute indicates that he expatiated upon "the national characteristic of self-help," the "demoralising effect of indiscriminate charity," and other topics upon which few, if any persons will disagree with him, but he appears to have concluded his discourse with a criticism on the principle of old age pensions, and particularly the scheme now before the House of Commons. Indeed, reading between the lines of your report of Mr. Bruce Smith's lecture, I assume that his deliverance was an attack upon old age pensions, for he concludes his address by asserting that it is "questionable whether the people (of England) would pay an annual expenditure of £10,000,000 for old age pensions.

Mr. Bruce Smith appears to have overlooked the fact that, as plainly set forth in my recent report, every country in Europe, except Spain, Portugal, Turkey, and the Danubian States, has evinced decided satisfaction with voluntary self-help methods of old age provision, and has moved in the direction of State methods. See paragraphs 749 and 751, with their references to Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Russia, Sweden and Norway, Switzerland, and of course England's many proposals.

As to Mr. Bruce Smith's suggestion that the English nation will not pay 10 millions sterling per annum for an old age pension scheme, does he not recognise that such a system would materially reduce the present poor law expenditure, and does he know that the poor rates of England and Wales total 10 millions sterling per annum? (My report, paragraphs 94, 724, &c.) Is he aware that the existing poor law system in England is so scandalously unsatisfactory that in 1895 it cost £3,186,375 for "salaries and rations of officers" and "other expenses," to disburse £6,249,205 in relief, while £697,544 more went in "repayment of loans and interest?" Thus, while £6,249,205 was expended in relief, £3,883,819 was outlant for administration, loans, and interest. In other words, out of every £100 raised in poor rates, the poor received £62; officials and others receiving the other £38. Stated in yet another way, the cost of administering the poor law was 62 per cent. on the amount received by the poor. Is this the sort of thing Mr. Bruce Smith desires to perpetuate? My report (para. 93) shows that comparing 1861 with 1895, "the charges for management and other expenses" have risen from £1,100,670 to £2,452,794, an increase of over 120 per cent. That it should cost 24 millions sterling to distribute relief to the extent of 9½ millions sterling, in other words, that it is necessary to refund £2 10s. in order to distribute £5 15s., appears extraordinary," yet, as I have shown above, in 1895 it cost over 3½ millions sterling to distribute 9½ millions sterling, or £3 15s. to distribute £6 5s. Every Statesman, every thinking politician, every humanitarian is anxious to abolish this scandalous waste.

But in addition to the 10 millions sterling per annum of poor rates, there is available for charity every year in England, a sum of one million sterling from the splendid endowed charities. (My report para. 147-8.) Let them, with all these vast revenues, appropriate a fair portion of England's poor in the acknowledged duty of her public men, and if every enlightened nation on the Continent of Europe has, through its rulers, moved in the direction of State pensions for its aged poor, it is as useless to attempt to stem the tide of humanitarian legislation, as for Mrs. Partington to flourish her historic mop to check the incoming sea.

Possibly, however, I may have misunderstood Mr. Bruce Smith, and he is so enamoured of self-help that it is on this ground alone that he deprecates any form of State-help for the aged poor. If so, I also join issue with him. As stated at par. 151 of my report, the benefit societies of England have invested funds totalling nearly £24,000,000, while the entire sums invested in industrial institutions of all kinds exceed 218 millions sterling. Several of the great friendly societies have made experiments in the direction of old-age pensions, but with small success. The Manchester Unity of Oddfellows established an annuity fund in 1885, but though possessing a membership approaching 800,000 souls, but 530 applied for annuities in 10 years. (My report, para. 1,000.) The Ancient Order of Foresters, with a membership of over 850,000, established a superannuation fund in 1895, but only three members joined it in nine years. The tables were then revised, and in the year that followed not one person joined. Thus only three persons out of say 650,000 subscribers for pensions during nine years. (My report, paragraphs 175 and 66.) These statements are the sworn evidence of the actuary (Mr. Watson), and permanent secretary (Mr. Stead). The benefit societies of England have done a great and good work, but unfortunately they, efforts in the direction of old age pensions have not got beyond the stage of Mr. Bruce Smith's vaunted "National characteristic of self-help." Nor has the experience of the British Post Office Annuities Department been materially different, only a paltry 1681 deferred annuities having been granted in 17 years. (My report, paragraph 198.) During the same contemnation with the cited terms of the two great friendly societies, but 1193 persons took out deferred annuities with the British Post Office, so it will be seen that the vast influence of this immense institution, together with that of the Ancient Friendly Societies, with a total membership of nearly one and a half million souls, and entrants totalling quite 70,000 per annum, sufficed to secure, unitedly, but 1726 applications for deferred annuities. Where does Mr. Bruce Smith find evidence of the "National characteristic of self-help" in the fact that the British Post Office, the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, and the Ancient Order of Foresters, could unitedly achieve but 172 deferred annuities per annum during ten years, amid all the teeming millions of the British Isles?

But even advocates of self-help provision against old age destitution, Mr. Bruce Smith should recognise something more than the admitted failure of contributing schemes and systems. As one of our public authorities on finance, he should recognise that the absolute impossibility as a national safeguard against the miseries of old age. This impossibility arises from two causes, viz.—First, inability to make and maintain contributions; and second, inability to profitably invest the enormous funds that would accumulate. On these points, as he quote from my report—

"24. The inherent weakness of all schemes based upon personal periodical contributions is, that while they may suffice to meet the eventual necessities of the lifelong thrifty, they entirely fail to meet the case of those most certain to need consideration in old age—the thriftless and unfortunate.

"And there is still another and very numerous class for whom personal contribution schemes are not only impossible but a mockery; and yet this class is the most self-denying and thrifty in the community. I refer to married women.

"25. From what source is the wife and mother to derive an income sufficient to meet the personal contribution requisite to enable her to claim an old-age pension? In the vast majority of cases she possesses no income apart from her husband's earnings, and, taking Mr. Burnett's proposals by way of example, how is a working man, with a family, to spare 2s out of the husband's weekly wage of 16s to 20s, or 1s 6d out of the husband's weekly wage of 10s or less, to secure pensions for both? A selfish husband might, under such conditions, 'thriftily' pay for his own pension, and leave his wife to the mercy of the world, and yet her whole life may have been one long struggle of thrift and self-denial.

"28. But this scheme, like many others, ignores the ordinary casualties of life, and is entirely dependent upon (1) ability to obtain and retain uninterrupted remunerative employment for 40 years; (2) continuous health for the same period; (3) total exemption from accidents, physical, mental, and financial, including war, riot, strikes, flood, droughts, fires, shipwrecks, and all the other risks of life, affecting, not only the contributor, but his or her employer, and also the medium of contribution—namely, a safe and uninterrupted interest earning investment; and (4) uninterrupted direction over the contribution or pension fund.

"32. In this connection the question of compulsion naturally arises, but the weakness of the position is in this, that while compulsion is possible with the well-to-do, and the passing prosperous, it is impossible with the poor, the mainstay of whose earnings are but sufficient (often insufficient), for the necessities of life, for the unfortunate, and for the sick. It is impossible for nine out of every 10 married women of the wage-earning classes, and being therefore impossible of universal application, cannot be adopted as the basis of any national scheme, such as the enslaved world asks for to-day."

Referring to a table recording the pauperism of England for every year from 1858 to 1896, I said, in paragraph 101:—

"But the most important lesson to be learned from the table is that there is, in England and Wales alone, an ever abiding half-million of persons over 16 years of age who are in receipt of State relief and are classified as paupers, and that this army of unfortunates is beyond all hope of aid from any contributory old-age pension scheme. It is thus abundantly demonstrated by the unanswerable logic of undisputed fact that a material number of those for whom old-age pensions are advocated, can never hope to derive benefit from, or to participate in any such beneficent system, if it be based upon contributory principles."

I have already referred to the immense aggregation of wealth invested in industrial institutions in England, amounting to upwards of 218 millions sterling (£218,000,000), regarding which I quote another paragraph:—

"35. The utter hopelessness of coping with the necessities of the aged poor by any scheme involving voluntary or compulsory contributions, and subsequent investment, is strikingly shown by these figures, for even with the accumulation of these vast funds, merely the better class of the aged secure help—merely the fringe of the great army of the needy obtain succour—and the overwhelmingly large number of the toilers, the unfortunate, and the decrepit, derive no comfort, no benefit from this Pactolian wealth."

As to the impossibility of profitably investing the enormous sums which would accumulate under any contributory system of old-age pensions, I have shown at paragraphs

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TARIFF OF THE AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

By EDWARD PULSFORD, M.L.C.

I.

The subject of the Commonwealth tariff is one of deep interest and importance; it will for some time to come attract an increasing amount of public attention, and it will be the battle-ground of the first political fight of the electors of the Commonwealth of Australia.

It is wise to keep well in view the great fact that a customs tariff operates only on the trade that crosses a political boundary. Where there is a political boundary the Custom-house officer takes his stand, and when the boundary disappears the officer disappears likewise. It is evident, therefore, that were all political boundaries to be swept away by the advent of a world-wide federation the Custom-house would come to an end; that whilst commerce increased by leaps and bounds, what are known as "imports and exports" would cease to be. In a world-wide federation the long controversy of "freetrade versus protection" would be ended, and freetrade would be everywhere triumphant. It is clear, therefore, that all movements towards federation give greater freedom to trade, and leave less and less foothold for those whose policy is to increase trade by restricting trade. The only words in the Constitution Bill bearing on the fiscal controversy are perhaps the most emphatic in the whole bill: The trade between the respective States is to be "absolutely free," and it is to be so, not merely for to-day and to-morrow, but for as long as an "indissoluble union" shall endure. This marks a great and happy advance in the progress of commercial freedom in Australia.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

Federation has brought about a new departure in the fiscal controversy in Australia, the full extent and importance of which are not yet fully grasped. The position has undergone a radical change. The most effective ground on which to rest an appeal for a man's vote in favour of restriction is the competition of outsiders against himself. Hence in the past the advocates of restriction in Victoria pointed to the broad acres of New South Wales and Queensland and obtained votes by advocating the stock tax in the first instance, and by supporting it afterwards. In New South Wales the burden of the restrictionist orator, the would-be restrictionist member, throughout the country districts has been the imports of produce that every week saw landed in New South Wales. "Return me," said the candidate, "and I will stop this competition by heavy duties." To-day the political boundaries between the colonies are about to disappear, and the words "absolutely free," rising on the horizon of politics, warn all men that the "old order" is gone.

Look a little more closely at the position. The producing industries of Australia may be divided roughly into four, which are, according to their importance—(1) The pastoral; (2) the agricultural; (3) the mining; (4) the manufacturing. Take the first, the pastoral. In the past it has been possible to dangle before this industry, or sections of it, the bait of duties on live stock and on dead meat. As competition is wholly internal—between the States—federation destroys the power to benefit any members of this industry by customs duties. Then take the second, the agricultural. As Australia as a whole is more than self-sustaining in the matter of agricultural and dairy produce, the competition in each State is practically limited to the other States, and so long as the States were divided the producers of each could be urged to restrict the competition of the others; but the divisions, that is the political boundaries, being gone the competition becomes internal and cannot be touched by customs duties. Hence it becomes almost impossible to appeal to the agriculturist to support a restrictive tariff on the ground of his own personal self-interest. Of course the former may be urged to support a restrictive policy with the view of establishing a flourishing mustard-seed industry, or some other pigmy, or to put a stop to the relatively trifling imports that may from time to time come to hand from other parts of the world, but the farmer will see that substantially he cannot derive personal advantage through tariff manipulation.

The third industry, the mining, it has not been possible to tempt except as regards coal, and this only in Victoria and Queensland, but this possibility is now at an end. As cheap iron is so essential to the manufacturer, "protection" will not be thought of here, especially as it would tax every other State for the sake of New South Wales alone. The mining industry is, therefore, to be added to the agricultural and the pastoral, making three out of the four main branches of Australian producing industry whose products cannot either wholly or in part be benefited by the operation of a restrictive tariff.

There remains the fourth industry—that of manufacturing—to consider. In the first place "manufactures" really means "manufactures and works." It is clear that gas, electricity, bricks, wool-washing, boiling-down, ice and refrigerating, smelting, newspapers, and many other things represent works quite out of tariff influence, and when we come to look at the net number of those whose employment might be influenced by a Customs tariff we can observe that when compared with the great mass of the people otherwise occupied they represent a very small section. Certainly they do not reach even 10 per cent. It is to this limited section of the community that the restrictionist orator is now confined by the stern logic of facts when he wishes to indicate those who may have their occupations directly "protected" by the operation of Customs duties.

The Constitution Bill has in fact secured for freetrade a victory of the most signal character. So quietly has it been obtained that its full and complete significance is even yet not fully recognised, but the time is now fast arriving for freetraders generally to take stock of the position, and by organisation and by widespread representation of the facts to push their advantages to the uttermost, so that at the coming general election for the Commonwealth Parliament they may have the gratification of achieving a further triumph, and of securing for Australia a tariff as free as that of Great Britain from the odious principle of restriction or so-called protection.

A CLASS TARIFF.

With remarkable alacrity the first move towards determining the character of the tariff has been made by the employers in that relatively small section of the people to which reference has been made and who alone have any hope of obtaining advantage from the tariff. There is an old saying "that those who pay the piper have a right to choose the tune," but the manufacturer has different views. He has not suggested that the consumers, the people who pay, should be asked what duties they would like to pay; but looking at his manufacturing business through his own spectacles he is preparing a situation which will be satisfactory to himself. The piper will both choose the tune and tell us what we are to "pay the piper." Australia will await with some interest "the manufacturers' tariff," and is not likely to forget the fact that those who rushed to the front to draw up a tariff represent the only class that can use the tariff to promote their own industries. Possibly the fact may make Australia a little suspicious of the "manufacturers' tariff," and the manufacturers themselves may come to think that they have too much interest in the matter to be accepted as entirely disinterested.

THE COMING FISCAL CONTEST.

In entering upon what will be a great and historical contest freetraders will remember that the principles for which they contend rest on the inalienable rights of man, and by an examination of the enemy's position they will find it to be so undermined, and the enemy's forces so reduced in numbers, that the fight is not so difficult as some may think. To speak of it being a contest between one freetrade State and four protectionist States is both untrue and misleading. The population of New South Wales very considerably exceeds that of the whole of the three States of Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, whilst Victoria, which has been and still is the mainstay of protection, has had its faith rudely shaken by finding its protected manufactures, which had been so generously supported, suffering under the disasters of 1893 as no other industry suffered, either in Victoria or in any other Australian colony. Belief in protection in Victoria to-day is a vastly different thing from what it was 10 years ago, and with all protection withdrawn from the agricultural and pastoral industries, it will be the fault of freetraders if they do not win even in Victoria itself.

Then it must not be forgotten that the very jealousy which exists in the States one of another will tend to destroy the proposals of protectionists. Will any duty be generally popular that will have to be paid by the people of all the States when the industry it is proposed to promote would be confined to one or perhaps two of the States? To-day Victoria admits free of duty iron in the following forms pig, sheet, bar, rod, hoop, plate, wire, galvanised, &c. No one needs telling that the Victorians will not wish to "protect" these, to put their manufacturers at a disadvantage in order that an iron industry in New South Wales may be promoted. The same sort of difficulty will arise in numerous instances, and the protectionists, therefore, will enter the fight as a disunited body. The greater their difficulties the easier the contest will be for the freetraders.

There will in the future be ample time and opportunity for discussing all the phases of the fiscal controversy; the foregoing remarks are intended rather as introductory to an examination of what may be called the financial aspects that present themselves in considering the subject of the federal tariff.

It is certain that a very large revenue has to be raised through customs and excise duties, but it is equally certain that this fact in no way involves or requires the adoption of a policy of protection—indeed, the truth lies rather in the opposite direction. The more heavy the needs of the Treasury the less room is there to permit revenue to escape. The policy of protection aims to impose duties, and then to let the revenue escape collection by the Treasury with the view of its being collected by private taxgatherers. Too much money will have to be collected by the Commonwealth to permit a reckless disregard of the revenue aspect of proposed duties, but an examination of the subject will show that ample scope exists for the tariff to be built up either with or without protection.

It must, however, be at once admitted that the tariff at the outset must be a heavier one, extend to more articles, than freetraders can approve. Quite apart from the grave evils resulting from the favouritism and the money loss of protective duties, freetraders recognise that even a mere revenue duty lessens the trade in the commodity on which it is levied, and this in proportion to its heaviness, and they are not therefore content with merely destroying protection, but they seek to make duties as few and as slight as possible, consistent with public needs and the equitable distribution of burdens. It cannot be hoped at the outset to get a tariff limited to as few articles as the British tariff, but this may be looked for in the near future if the Commonwealth be managed on sound financial and fiscal lines in the interval.

FEDERATION AND STATISTICS.

One effect of federation and the wiping out of all records of trade between the States will be to terminate the absurd inflation of Australian statistics that now takes place. Thus, because Queensland gold has been minted in Sydney every million of such gold is now recorded three times—first, as a Queensland export; second, as a New South Wales import; and, thirdly, as a New South Wales export. Inflation worse than this goes on with gold mined in Western Australia, minted in Melbourne, and shipped in Sydney to San Francisco; such gold appears no less than five times—1, export in Western Australia; 2, import in Victoria; 3, export in Victoria; 4, import in New South Wales; and 5, export in New South Wales. A ludicrous consequence of this inflation occurred only a few weeks ago. A new manufactory was being opened in Victoria, and it was stated that the Victorian exports to New South Wales had risen in a few years by nearly three millions sterling, showing forgetfulness of the fact that the great bulk of this export was merely gold sent to Sydney to be forwarded to San Francisco. The inflation of statistics consequent on the movements of gold and produce from colony to colony, prior to shipment abroad, has led to frequent misrepresentation as to the extent of Australian trade, especially when reckoned on the "per head" basis, and the resulting figures compared with those for other countries.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The monthly meeting of the Royal Society of New South Wales was held last evening, at the Society's rooms, Nos. 5 and 7 Elizabeth-street, the chair being occupied by Professor T. W. E. David, in the absence of Mr. W. M. Hamlet (the president of the society). Messrs. J. V. De Coque, J. L. C. Ras, P. Schmidlin, and W. G. Woolnough were elected as members of the society. The announcements made by the chairman included a statement to the effect that Professor Liversidge proposed to deliver before the members of the society a lecture on "Liquid Air," at the University, on a date to be fixed. Mr. H. C. Russell then read a very interesting paper, in which he gave some valuable information as to the results derived by science from the "current papers," which are so generally distributed amongst masters of overseas vessels. At some length Mr. Russell showed how these papers, like bread cast upon the waters, returned after many days, and delivered up their instructive messages from the deep. He also pointed out that in the coming time these "current papers" would furnish information and direct records of natural phenomena so far as ocean drifts were concerned that would enable people to determine many of the questions at present puzzling. Professor David read a paper on "The Occurrence of Glaciated Blocks in the Permo-carboniferous Conglomerate at Lochinvar," in the colony, and showed a number of photographs in connection therewith. Specimens of granite and other stone formations were well exemplified. Mr. G. H. Knibbs exhibited a number of models of surfaces and solids generated by the motions of straight lines. Mr. H. C. Russell exhibited the first photographic charts of the heavens received from the Paris Observatory, and the evening's programme was concluded by a fine display of natural-colour photography by Mr. Mark Blow.

GREATER SYDNEY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—One of the strongest reasons for reforming the municipal administration of Sydney is that at present the city is over and at the same time inefficiently governed. To say nothing of the many and various boards and councils that exert authority within the metropolitan area, there are several branches of the Government service whose duties give them opportunities of exercising functions purely municipal.

When, a few months ago, the bridge in the main approach to the abattoirs broke down, not the City Council, which one would suppose would control all the roads within its boundaries, nor the Board of Health, which by an extraordinary arrangement supervises the abattoirs—neither of these repaired the fallen structure, but the Harbours and Rivers branch of the Public Works Department took the matter in hand. Water mains, telephone tunnels, subterranean railways, are driven under our roadways whithersoever the spirit of the departmental engineer moveth him, and no municipal authority may direct, control, or withstand him.

At the last meeting of the council of which I am a member, no less than eight different subjects were discussed, including all of which conferences or co-operation had been invited by other councils or interested parties. During the past week I have attended four such conferences, and there are others to follow. On every side one notices a desire on the part of aldermen to better the present distressful state of things, which is very united, and to those that think with me, admits but of one solution. And, indeed, it must in fairness be conceded that when the subject of municipal maladministration is referred to in conversation with ratepayers they, too, profess anxiety to mend or end the prevailing system. From Rockwood to Ryde, and from Willoughby to Woollahra, they all deplore the expense, loss, and inefficiency we are subjected to.

Within the next few months opportunities will present themselves that will enable them to pronounce definitely upon the subject. Elections for city aldermen will be held in July, and in February those for the suburbs will follow. Those who desire municipal reform should then vote for those candidates, and for those alone, who will pledge themselves to cause searching inquiry to be made into our present system, and will endeavour to call into existence a form of self-government for the whole metropolitan area which shall be commensurate with the importance of the interests involved.

I am, &c.,
October 4. J. G. GRIFFIN.

LAKE GEORGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I read Mr. E. Lee's letter in your issue this morning, and find he has made a few mistakes, which may be excusable if he has not been near the lake for 60 years. As a resident of that neighbourhood for 44 years I may be allowed a few remarks. I cannot speak of the lake being dry 60 years ago; but it was dry about 36 or 37 years ago in the early sixties—'62 or '63. It was a dry season, and cattle and sheep were brought from all quarters, Cooma, Braidwood, and all round, and fed on the lake as the only place where there was any feed for stock, and anyone could cross it then dry-footed. Mr. Lee makes a mistake in saying the road past Winderedeen, the late Sir T. A. Murray's homestead, was not the shortest to Gininderra, for there is no shorter road than that from Goulburn. Again, he says they came out on Mr. Style's property near Bungendore. Mr. Style's property was at Gundaroo, about six or seven miles from this lake as the crow flies. I only point out these little mistakes, which are excusable after 60 years. I may also add the lake was all but dry in 1855, the water being not more than one or two inches deep. It is a sight worth looking at when full, as in 1871, when it was about 24 miles long and seven or eight miles wide; but it is again dry.

I am, &c., WILLIAM AFFLECK.
October 3.

"Soul Lessons" formed the subject on Sunday evening of the addresses given at the Universal Brotherhood organisation, 113 Pitt-street. Mr. Smith, Mrs. Willans, Mr. E. J. Williams, and Mr. T. W. Willans spoke. Questions were answered at the conclusion of the addresses.

The Bridge-street Fire.—Several scenes are depicted in this week's Mail.—Advt.

EARL BEAUCHAMP AND THE DREYFUS INCIDENT.

FRENCH RESIDENTS ADDRESS THE CONSUL-GENERAL.

In consequence of certain remarks reported in the newspapers as having been made by his Excellency the Governor at Cobar on Wednesday, September 28, a meeting of French residents was held on Monday in Sydney, and it was agreed to present the following address to their Consul-General, M. Biard d'Aunet:—

"Monsieur le Consul-General de France, Sydney.

"We have been severely tried and deeply affected by the unkind comments published by some of the Australian papers re the Dreyfus affair, although we felt somewhat comforted by the thought that the good sense of the public, naturally generous and a lover of fairplay, would easily give to exaggerated criticism its due share.

"But when we see the representative of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria sanction with his own lips in some official function allegations insulting to France, when we hear him at a banquet at Cobar denouncing our primordial institutions, then we think the measure is full and that we cannot any longer keep silent in the face of such uncalled for and unwarranted action.

"Wounded in our innermost feelings, humbled in our national pride, we rise up in a body and rally round our flag.

"We naturally turn to you, Monsieur le Consul-General, who in this foreign land are the guardian of our national honour.

"Before you we protest energetically and with indignation against the sentiments expressed by his Excellency the Governor of New South Wales in his speech at Cobar.

"We may have held different opinions on the Dreyfus question, but now that the Conseil de Guerre at Rennes has passed its final judgment we cannot admit, to use the very words of Earl Beauchamp, that a hideous parody of justice has been perpetrated, leave of absence further than the wide meaning of his words—that an innocent man has been wilfully sacrificed under cover of all the paraphernalia of justice, condemned by unconscientious Judges perverted beforehand to the cause of intolerance and bad faith.

"We cannot admit that the Army—our grand national institution in which every French family, rich and poor, and without distinction of religious faith, is represented—has failed in the fulfilment of its mission, and has become a tool in the hands of a party.

"We cannot admit that the words Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite engraved on the frontispiece of our public monuments, the basis of all our national laws and statutes, have been—as Earl Beauchamp further asserts—violated by our own Judges.

"And whatever may be the unhappy circumstances which for several years have surrounded that case, we are, even at the risk of not sharing his Excellency's preferences, still proud to belong to that French nation which has rendered such great services to the cause of humanity and civilisation.

"We beg you, Monsieur le Consul-General, to receive this address of protestation and use it to such ends as you may think fit.

"The cordial and generous hospitality accorded to us Frenchmen establishes here had led us to look upon Australia as a second home. We feel certain that his Excellency the Governor of New South Wales by inflicting upon us such a public affront has not been the interpreter of our Australian friends.

"Signed by George Playoust, Dr. Laure, Dr. Rousier, G. L. Cocheiet, P. d'Orgeval, C. Hauret, L. Briard, H.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—October 4.

Monowai, s., 2187 tons, Captain H. W. H. Chatfield, from Wellington and ports. Passengers—Messrs. J. Read, H. Downie, H. Dyer, J. Ingram, W. Briton, Rettlewell, S. Cook, W. R. Cook, Fenwick, W. E. Booth, F. Wells, Greenaway, A. G. Thomas, G. Orrawood, A. Scoullar, Muir, W. Heighman, T. C. White, A. E. Potts, C. Winward, Grieve, and Captain Phillips, Mesdames M. Worth and 2 infants, A. Scoullar, Misses Inverarn, Grieve (2), M. Scoullar, Dixon, and Webb-Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Steven, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and child, Mr. and Mrs. Winder, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Lowery, and 35 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Electra, s., 385 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Richmond River. Passengers—Mesdames Barham, Innes, Misses Catterell, M'Kinnon, Gibbs, Murphy, Barham, Messrs. G. Wickham, C. Riley, and 11 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Nincumber, s., 100 tons, Captain D. Callaghan, from Camden Haven 3rd instant. Passengers: Mrs. Wallace, Messrs. Williams, Henderson, and Kane. Geo. De Fraine agent.

Dovedale, s., 2021 tons, Captain T. Darley, from Port Pirie. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Namoi, s., 1414 tons, Captain Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Nambucca, s., 93 tons, Captain H. Lawson, from Nambucca River. F. Buckle, agent.

North Lyell, s., 1247 tons, Captain G. Gibb, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

DEPARTURES.—October 4.

Stuttgart, German mail steamer, for Bremen, via ports.

Chingtu, s., for Melbourne.

Andania, s., for Adelaide, via Newcastle.

Kimi, s., for Devonport, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—October 5.

Waihora, s., for Auckland and ports; North Lyell, s., for Hobart; Electra, s., for Richmond River; Rosedale, s., for Port Macquarie and Belinger River; Nambucca s., for Nambucca River; Augusta, s., for Tweed River; Murray, s., for Moruya, Bermagui, and Tathra; Newcastle, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—October 4.

Stuttgart, German mail steamer, 5049 tons, Captain A. Kosmemann, for Bremen, via ports, with passengers as published yesterday.

Andania, s., 2576 tons, Captain D. L. Mills, for Adelaide, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Oceania Vance, schooner, 385 tons, Captain R. Murchison, for Honolulu, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Kimi, s., 1122 tons, Captain S. Kennedy, for Devonport, via Newcastle, with part original cargo.

Derwent, ship, 1860 tons, Captain Carvosso, for London.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—October 4.

Triumph, ketch, Captain J. Farrell, for Port Macquarie; Fanny Fisher, barque, Captain F. Fisher, for Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—October 4.

(A special charge will be made for consignees' notices under this heading.)

R.M.S. Monowai, from Wellington and ports: 2723 sacks potatoes, 1351 sacks wheat, 1807 sacks oats, 420 sacks malt, 201 sacks barley, 112 sacks bran, 109 bales hemp, 44 bales wool and skins, 153 sacks onions, 20 casks oil, 67 sacks potatoes, 78 cases cheese, 121 bags meats, 44 sacks hides, 350 sacks flour, 36 sacks peas, 17 sacks seed, 21 sacks horns, 1 sack hair, 21 casks tallow, 5 hogsheads ale, 99 barrels 70 octaves and 10 quarter-casks whisky, 17 cases bacon, 6 cases hams, 20 cases pulp, 79 crates bottles, and quantity sundries, and 2 boxes gold (2284oz.).

Dovedale, s., from Port Pirie: 2027 bags concentrates, 567 tons concentrate, and sundries. For Newcastle: 1240 tons sulphides, 47 tons slag.

Electra, s., from Richmond River: 76 bags maize, 338 bags 747 sacks sugar, 20 cases eggs, 9 cases fish, 3 casks tallow, 4 coops poultry, 87 hides, 302 bags butter, 700cft. boxwood, 12 pigs, and sundries.

Nincumber, s., from Camden Haven: 46,000ft. sawn timber, 7 cases fish, 10 cases and 7 casks bottles, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—October 4.

Stuttgart, G.M.S., for Bremen, via ports: 2937 bales wool, 18,791 hides, 553 bags hides, 58 bales furs, 14 bales skins, 22 bales sheepskins, 526 cases gum, 50 bales hair, 1763 bags tallow, 12 tons dripping, 17 tons horns, 1 case, 1 casks tallow, 58 casks casings, 30 boxes butter, 25 cases honey, 1482 pieces timber, 20 empty tubes, 529 packages machinery, 2 cases curiosities, 43 cases seeds, 7 cases pearlshell, 12,713 bags ore, 200 bags manure, 32 bags gum, 1620 bags copra, and sundries.

Derwent, ship, for London: 3731 bales wool, 8341 hides, 20 bales hides, 30 bales furs, 1881 casks tallow, 451 bales and 161 bags glue pieces, 2 bags and 1 bale pizzles, 19 bales and 2 bags hair, 12 bales furskins, 186 bags and 67 bales horns, 2604 bags lead, 4 bags mixings, 140 bags bones, 6787 pieces timber, 34 cases meat extract, 3 cases wine, and sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

YAMBA.—Departure: October 4, Kallatina, s., for Sydney. Passed: October 4, Bulimba, s., for Sydney.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: October 4, Derwent, s., from Brisbane; North Lyall, s., Waihora, s., Newcastle, s., Lahru, s., Excelsior, s., Burrumbeet, s., Tamar, s., Timaru, s., Billie Parker, s., and Jessie Brothers, schooner, from Sydney. Departures: October 4, Derwent, s., for Melbourne; Newcastle, s., Tamar, s., Timaru, s., for Sydney; North Lyell, s., Waihora, s., Jones Brothers, schooner, for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: October 4, Wilcannia at 9.30 a.m., Barrabool at 12.55 p.m., Wodonga at 2.30 p.m., Merkarra at 4 p.m., all west; Beagle at 5.20 p.m., Hawkesbury at 5.5 p.m., all north.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: October 4, Palmerston, s., from Launceston; Molesey, s., from Hobart. Departures: October 4, Pasiha, s., for Sydney; Leura, s., for Sydney; Suryalus, s., for Sydney; Parco, s., for Sydney; Pultala, s., for Calcutta; Port Salisbury, s., for London; Meteora, s., for London; Loch Ness, ship, for London.

ADELAIDE.—Arrival: October 4, Langton Grange, s., from New York. Departure: October 4, Gulf of Siam, s., for Natal.

PORT PIRIE.—Arrival: October 4, Lamaca, s., from Newcastle. Departure: October 4, Kadina, s., for Sydney.

ALBANY.—Arrival: October 4, Marloo, s., from Adelaide. Departure: October 4, Bangarino, s., for Cape Colony.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Passed: October 4, a two-masted steamer at 5 a.m., south; steamer like Bullarra at 6.45 a.m., south.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arrivals: October 4, Macleay, at 5.15 a.m., from Sydney; Western Star, schooner, at 7.55 a.m. Departure: St. George, s., at 7.25 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: Clutha, s., at 9.55 a.m., south; Kallatina at 11.10 a.m., south. 14ft. on bar and 19ft. on inside channel at high water.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Departure: October 4, Kallatina at 2 p.m. Passed: October 4, Bullarra, s., at 2.15 p.m., south.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: October 4, Augusta, s., at 11 a.m., south.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Departure: October 4, Harriet, schooner, at 7.30 a.m., for Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: October 4, Birkgeate at 5.30 p.m., Aramac at 5.30 p.m., both north; Coolcon at 5.30 p.m., south.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrival: October 4, Rosedale, s., at 5.30 a.m., from Belinger River. Departures: Trilby, s., at 10.30 a.m., for Sydney; Empress of India at 6 p.m., Rosedale at 6.10 p.m., Eva at 6.10 p.m. Passed: Birksgate, s., at 1.35 p.m., Aramac, s., at 2.15 p.m., Australian at 4 p.m., all north.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: October 4, Wyoming at 12.45 p.m., south; Burrawong at 5.50 p.m., north.

CROWDY HEAD.—Passed: October 4, Burrah, s., at 9 a.m., north; Wyrallah, at 9.30 a.m., south; A.U.S.N. steamer at 1.40 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrival: October 4, Coraki, s., at 6 a.m., for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Departures: October 4, Mary Laurie, ketch, at 7.30 a.m., Aleda at 11 a.m., Willinga at 5 p.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: October 4, Australian, s., at 10.10 a.m., south; Burrawong at 11.35 a.m., north; Excelsior, s., at 2.50 p.m., north; Mermaid at 3.30 p.m.

PORT STEPHENS.—October 4, Ariel, yacht, at anchor in Nelson's Bay. Passed: Wollumbin at 6 p.m., south.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrivals: October 4, Hawkesbury at 5.40 a.m., Wyong at 8.40 a.m., Surprise at 8.45 a.m. Departures: October 4, Kate, s., at 11 a.m., Jenny Lind, s., at 11.30 a.m.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrivals: October 4, Countess of Errol, schooner, at 6 a.m., from Sydney; Currajong at 10 a.m., Allowrie at 7 p.m. Departures: Alice, s., at 9.50 a.m., for Sydney; Currajong, s., at 3.50 p.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Arrival: October 4, Coomonderry, s., at 6 a.m., from Sydney; Illawarra, s., at 10 a.m., from Sydney.

BERMAGUI SOUTH.—Departure: October 4, Bega at 5 p.m., for Sydney.

EDEN.—Departures: October 4, Bega, s., at 8 a.m., for Sydney; Eivion, ketch, at 3 p.m., for Mallacoota.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: October 4, Himalaya, R.M.S., at 4.30 p.m., north; yellow funnel black top steamer at 7.35 a.m., north; Beagle at 5.10 p.m., north; a ketch at 6.15 p.m., south.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: October 4, Ville de la Ciotat, F.M.S., at 5.30 a.m., west; Wilcannia, s., at 9.30 a.m., west; Barrabool, s., at 12.55 p.m., west; Wodonga, s., at 2.30 p.m., west; Beagle, s., at 2.25 p.m., north; Norhorn, s., at 5.40 p.m., west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inward: Lady Loch, 10.30 a.m.; Ville de la Ciotat, 6.12 p.m. Passed outward: A sailing vessel, at 1.30 a.m.; Himalaya, R.M.S., at 1.45 a.m.; Lady Loch, s., at 4.40 a.m.; Champion, s., at 6.25 a.m.; Australian, s., at 6.45 a.m.; Sarpedon, 12.30 p.m., dist: mt; fore-and-aft schooner, 3.30 p.m., in sight. Undo, 3.40 p.m.

GEELONG.—Arrival: October 4, Elingamite, at daybreak, from Melbourne.

HOBART.—Arrivals: October 3, Tambo, s., from Sydney, October 4, Koonya, s., from Newcastle.

LOW HEAD (Tas.).—Arrival: October 4, Coogee, s., from Melbourne.

DEVONPORT (Tas.).—Arrival: October 4, Penguin, s., at 6.30 a.m., from Melbourne.

STANLEY (Tas.).—Arrival: October 4, Fleby, s., from Melbourne. Departure: October 4, Penguin at 5.30 p.m., for Melbourne.

HYTHE (Tas.).—Arrival: October 4, Natal Queen, barque, from Adelaide.

ALBANY.—Arrival: October 4, Marloo at 6.45 a.m., from Adelaide.

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THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.

Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.

Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.

Valparaiso, via Newcastle.—Antartic, 8 a.m.

Gilbert Islands.—Loongana, 11 a.m.

Hobart and Launceston.—North Lyell, 11 a.m.

Montague Island.—Murray, noon.

Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Waihora, 2 p.m.

Fiji, Milne Bay, and Marshall Islands.—Titus, 3 p.m.

Nambucca River.—Nambucca, 3 p.m.

United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—Ville de la Ciotat, 4.30 p.m.

Thursday Island, via Brisbane.—Birksgate, 4.45 p.m.

Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.

Natal and Capetown, via Melbourne.—Romulus, 5.30 p.m.

Richmond River.—Electra, 7 p.m.

Port Macquarie and Belinger River.—Rosedale, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Noumea and Fiji.—Rockton, 4 p.m.

Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Gabo, 5.30 p.m.

Richmond River, via Newcastle.—St. George, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Melbourne.—R.M.S. Rome, 10 a.m.

Manning River.—Coraki, 9 a.m.

Brisbane.—Lewis, 1 p.m.

Clarence River.—Kallatina, 6 p.m.

Macleay River.—Burrawong, 7 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Bega, 11 a.m.

Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Monowai, 5.30 p.m.

Launceston, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.

Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 5.30 p.m.

Richmond River.—Tomki, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Hobart.—Tambo, 11 a.m.

Nelligen.—Peterborough, 11 a.m.

Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Monowai, 4 p.m.

Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Cadiz, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Waimate, 4 p.m.

United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Rome, 4.30 p.m.

R.M.S. Rome (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.

Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Rome, 5.30 p.m.

Clarence River.—Australian, 8 p.m.

Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Excelsior, 9 p.m.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average annual rainfall for 40 years, 49·30in.

Average for 41 years from January 1 to September 30, 41·19in.

Total rainfall from January 1, 1899, to October 4, 46·39in.

Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 30·103.

Temperature, maximum 69·3, minimum 50·5.

Humidity 9 a.m., 71; 3 p.m., 48.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Gascoigne, 29·91; Esperance Bay, 29·73; Eucla, 29·77; Streaky Bay, 29·74; Adelaide, 29·74; Robe, 29·62; Portland, 29·52; Melbourne, 29·66; Wilson's Promontory, 29·77; Gabo Island, 29·91; Cape St. George, 30·02; Sydney, 30·10; Newcastle, 30·11; Port Macquarie, 30·16; Brisbane, 30·18; Rockhampton, 30·23; Mackay, 30·23; Cooktown, 30·11.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy to threatening in southern districts, showers in the south-east, fine and clear in the north.

New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy at Gomen, overcast at Noumea.

Western Australia.—Fine in the north, cloudy on southern coast.

South Australia.—Cloudy and unsettled generally.

Victoria and Straits.—Overcast and threatening generally.

Tasmania.—Cloudy to showery.

Queensland.—Generally fine and clear.

Central and Northern Australia.—Fine and clear.

New Zealand.—Generally fine.

RAINFALL IN 24 HOURS PRECEDING 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Araluen 2 points, Albury 10, Braidwood 1, Boddalla 5, Bombala 5, Bega 5, Bateman's Bay 4, Bowral 1, Corowa 8, Cooma 20, Eden 1, Germanton 19, Jerilderie 12, Junee 2, Kiandra 6, Moss Vale 1, Nimitybelle 11, Tarcutta 4, Tumut 3, Wagga Wagga 9.

Victoria.—Very light throughout, except in the north-west and far west. Cape Otway 9 points, Cape Schanck 27, Lakes Entrance 12, Melbourne 19, Port Albert 12, Portland 20, Queenscliff 10, Wilson's Promontory 15.

South Australia.—Light in parts of southern districts.

Tasmania.—Light to moderate throughout.

REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Raining at Sydney (light), Windsor, Cooma, Kiandra, Nimitybell, Michelago. Dust storms at Wilcannia and Menindie. Threatening in south. Seas smooth. Unsettled to showery in Victoria.

REPORTS AT 3 P.M.

Showery at Bega, Kiandra; Balranald, strong E.N.E.; Hay, Moulamein, Tibooburra; Wentworth, strong N.; Gabo Island, light N.E., sea moderate; Tweed Heads, light S.E., sea moderate.

TEMPERATURES.

Albury, 70-48; Armidale, 58-31; Bathurst, 68-39; Bingera, 73-33; Bombala, 65-40; Bourke, 79-48; Brewarrina, 78-50; Broken Hill, 80-54; Carcoar, 58-36; Cobar, 76-54; Collarendebri, 76-42; Combolobie, 85-54; Cooma, 51-48; Coonabarabran, 69-35; Coonamble, 75-48; Cowra, 73-46; Dudgellico, 80-35; Deniliquin, 78-35; Dubbo, 72-41; Euston, 82-36; Forbes, 79-34; Germanston, 67-49; Glen Innes, 68-30; Goulburn, 60-49; Hay, 77-42; Inverell, 69-28; Katoomba, 65-54; Kiandra, 45-35; Menindie, 79-50; Molong, 68-40; Moree, 70-42; Moruya, 65-49; Moss Vale, 63-40; Mudgee, 70-36; Mungindi, 79-44; Murrurundi, 68-38; Narrabri, 70-40; Nimitybelle, 61-39; Nyngan, 72-38; Orange, 69-28; Parkes, 74-42; Quirindi, 69-38; Sydney, 65-51; Tabulam, 69-38; Tamworth, 69-37; Waterfall, 64-32; Wagga, 74-32; Walcha, 57-32; Wellington, 67-44; Wentworth, 79-55; Wilcannia, 79-60; Wyalong, 67-35; Young, 69-44.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 9ft. 8in.; Balranald, 6ft. 8in.; Bingera, 2ft.; Booligal, 8ft. 10in.; Bourke, 6ft.; Brewarrina, 4ft. 7in., falling; Deniliquin, 5ft. 3in.; Dubbo, 2ft. 8in.; Eumbalong, 9ft.; Euston, 14ft. 6in.; Goodoogna, low; Gundagai, 4ft. 8in.; Hay, 8ft. 6in.; Hillston, 8ft. 8in., falling; Louth, 5ft. 3in., falling; Manilla, low; Menindie, 10ft. 3in.; Mogil Mogil, low; Moulamein, 9ft. 9in.; Mungundi, 6ft. 9in., falling; Pooncarie, 7ft. 9in., falling; Tilpa, 8ft. 10in., falling; Toomuvel, 4ft. 3in.; Wagga Wagga, 8ft. 8in.; Wentworth, 9ft. 10in.; Wilcannia, 8ft. 4in., falling; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, 9ft. 3in., falling; Namoi River, at Walgett, 4ft. 9in., rising.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, N., light, fine, sea smooth; Byron Bay, W., light, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, N., fine, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N.N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, N.E., light, fine sea smooth; Port Macquarie, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, N.N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Norah Head, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; South Head, N., strong, cloudy, sea smooth; Wollongong, N.W., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.E., fresh, showery, sea moderate; Ulladulla, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., light, gloomy, sea smooth; Gabo Island, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, N.E., light, cloudy, misty, sea slight; Gabo Island, N.E., light, misty rain, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Fresh to strong and squally winds, N.W., veering through W. to S.W., weather generally fine, but showers probable in south-eastern parts of the colony.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Continued cold, wintry, squally weather, with strong winds from N.W. and S.W., driving showers, rough sea, electrical disturbances not unlikely in places.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Cloudy and unsettled generally, with some light rain; fresh N. winds, veering shortly to W. and S.W., with squally and showery weather, especially in coastal districts; sea moderate.—P. Baracchi.

Western Australia.—Showery and squally in all the southern coastal districts, with rough seas, and in a modified degree in the western districts, where, however, it is now expected to moderate.—W. E. Cooke.

SPECIAL AUSTRALASIAN FORECAST BY MR. C. L. WRAGGE.

New South Wales.—Steadily becoming unsettled, with rain threatening or falling, especially south from parallel of Newcastle, with north-westers to south-westers blowing in squalls under the advance of "Cephas." Seas rising south from Bermagui.

Western Australia.—Thunderstorms in the far interior under monsoon "Achan," elsewhere fine, showers with squalls from between W. and S.W., in the far southern seas, squally, rough seas with increase of latitude from Albany, under the disturbance "Cephas."

Northern Territory.—Fine, scattered cloud, but electric disturbance later under monsoon "Achan."

South Australia.—Generally cloudy, showery, and squally, especially in the southern parts, with seas of rough sea under "Cephas." Winds between N.W., W., and S.W.

Queensland.—Fresh over the Downs, and generally fair throughout, but soon becoming cloudy under the combined influence of "Achan" and "Cephas," especially in the north-western and southern parts, respectively, with a tendency to thunder thereafter; winds very variable; sea smooth, but rough with south-easterly squalls north from Cooktown towards Torres Straits.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Stormy, squally, wet from between N. and W.S.W., with rising to rough seas under influence "Cephas."

New Zealand.—Heavy south-westerly blows, with rain, especially in the eastern parts under "Neva."

New Caledonia.—Cloudy, with rain, south-westerly.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR OCTOBER 5.

Sun rises at 5.36, sets at 6.1; Moon 5.24 a.m., 6.18 p.m.; Mercury, 5.42 a.m., 6.10 p.m.; Venus 5.47 a.m., 6.22 p.m.; Mars 6.46 a.m., 8.1 p.m.; Jupiter 6.58 a.m., 8.26 p.m.; Saturn 9.6 a.m., 11.17 p.m.

New Moon, 5th: Full Moon, 19th.

High water at Fort Denison, 8.22 a.m., 8.35 p.m.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1899.

President Kruger is reported at Paris to have sent an ultimatum to Great Britain declaring that the despatch of further troops to South Africa would be regarded as a casus belli.

According to the London "Daily Telegraph" the troops of the First Army Corps have been ordered to mobilise.

Gold in transit to the value of £500,000 has been seized by the Transvaal.

The First and Second Read of the Transvaal have adjourned.

On Saturday and Sunday 5000 Europeans fled from Johannesburg. The Mining Commissioner has advised all Britishers to leave the city and the mines immediately.

President Kruger has found that he is unable to work the three gold mines of which he has assumed control.

The natives have looted Charlestown, the northern terminus of the Natal railway, which was deserted on account of the menacing attitude of the Boers.

A large force of Orange Free State artillery is marching in the direction of Kimberley. The Free State has closed the Botha Pass in the Drakensburg Mountains.

The Boers insult and maltreat refugees and compel them to uncover their heads during the singing of the Transvaal National Anthem.

Two large steamers in port have been measured as to space in view of the possibility of sending 1200 troops from Australia to the Transvaal.

It is stated that the rate for tonnage in Port Jackson for South Africa has greatly increased within the past week.

The first race of the present series for the America Cup was to have been sailed in New York Harbour on Tuesday, but owing to the wind dropping when the yachts, the Shamrock and the Columbia, were three miles from home, the race was abandoned. It will be re-sailed to-day.

Sir Sandford Fleming thinks that the Australian Governments should accept the offer of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company for the laying of a cable from South Africa to Australia if a condition enabling the Governments to purchase the cable at a fair valuation is included in the contract.

The first meeting of the Pacific Cable Board will probably be held in London in the middle of November. The Earl of Aberdeen and Lord Strathcona will represent Canada.

By the award of the Arbitration Court, which sat to consider the question of the boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana, Venezuela gets less than Great Britain offered her, while in the British boundary are now included all the goldfields and the forests.

Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, states that it would be contrary to precedent to submit the Australian Commonwealth Bill to the House of Commons during the special session of Parliament which is to be called to deal with the Transvaal dispute. No difficulty, however, would arise in passing the bill early in 1900, unless it raises a question of Imperial concern.

The French residents of Sydney have agreed to present an address to their Consul-General concerning certain remarks reported to have been made by the Governor at Cobar on September 28.

A severe dusterorm swept over the far western districts yesterday. At Broken Hill all business was stopped. The Governor, in his journey to Menindie, experienced the full force of the storm.

The second progress report of the Unemployed Advisory Board has been presented to the Premier. It contains many important recommendations.

It was expected by the captain of the steamer Innamincka, which on Tuesday went ashore on the Queensland coast near Bowen, that she would be floated off by either last night's or to-night's tide.

A conference between the Minister for Labour and the Minister for Works was held yesterday for the purpose of devising some means of finding immediate work for a large section of the unemployed.

The inauguration of the eight-hour principle was celebrated at Bathurst yesterday, and the demonstration was successful.

Professor G. C. Henderson delivered the first of a series of lectures on "Democracy" in the Railway Institute last evening.

The public revenue for the quarter amounted to £2,243,987, while the expenditure totalled £2,657,113, including £2,555,000 chargeable to the revenue of 1899-1900.

When seen by the barque Banca on September 2 the disabled steamer Waikato was within 150 miles of the Crozet

and followed until May 21, when wreck disappeared, weather clearing.' It is quite possible that what they saw was the distorted image of their own vessel depicted upon a fog of uneven density, the fog bearing the image following with the wind. In pages 541, 542, and 543 of 'Miller's Gallery of Nature,' upon Parhelia, Fata Morgana, Spectra of the Brocken and Aerial Images of Terrestrial Objects, similar phenomena are spoken of. Also by M. Biot, in his 'Astronomie Physique,' and by other writers."

How to Destroy Ants.—Inquiries have recently reached the Agriculture Department as to the best means of destroying ants. Mr. Froggatt, the entomologist, states that he has found the following method very efficacious in destroying these insects:—When it is a big mound nest, pour a little bisulphide of carbon down each hole and throw a wet bag over the nest immediately afterwards. Remove it in a couple of minutes and apply a lighted stick over each opening. The fumes explode, wreck the nest, and burn all the ants beneath. Care must be taken not to put too much bisulphide near the roots of fruit trees as it will destroy them. Also, as it is very inflammable, no light or spark should be allowed to be near the bottle, which should be kept corked. It is well to have the lighted stick 5ft. or 6ft. long, though even if the nest explodes near the hand no harm would be done.

Fishing Club Dinner.—The Neutral Bay Schnapper Club held its first annual dinner on Friday at Lichtscheindel's, Pfahlert's Hotel. Mr. A. H. Prince presided, and Dr. A. Burne was the vice-chairman. Amongst those present were Mr. H. M'Lachlan, Captain A. Spain, Messrs. J. R. Lawson, A. G. Milson, O. Bauer, J. M'Nall, A. L. Graham, F. G. Redman, S. W. Spain, R. S. Lambton, A. C. Jewett, G. Augenson, and C. R. Howard. A first-class dinner of several courses was partaken of, fish forming no inconsiderable portion of it. The report of the club's season showed that between 1400 and 1500 fish had been caught during the winter, Captain Spain leading in the aggregate individual catch, and Mr. H. M'Lachlan being second top scorer. After the loyal toasts, &c., Mr. A. G. Wilson proposed success to the club. This was responded to by Dr. Burne, who eulogised the work done by the hon. secretary and treasurer, Captain Spain, and advised those of the members who had not already done so to assist in the useful work of the Amateur Fishermen's Association, by becoming members of that powerful body. Other toasts were, "The Chairman," "The Hon. Secretary," &c. Mr. A. H. Prince announced that he would give a cup for the greatest aggregate catch by a member during next season.

Circular Quay Accident.—A meeting of the committee appointed to collect funds for the purpose of rewarding those who assisted on the occasion of the late accident to the children at the Circular Quay when returning from a picnic was held on Tuesday evening at Christ Church, Enmore. Mr. T. C. J. Foster presided. The treasurer reported that the total amount collected had reached the sum of £41. Of that amount £26 had been distributed among the crew of the Japanese mail steamer who had rendered assistance, leaving £15 still available for distribution. The meeting then discussed the best means of rewarding the other persons who had rendered timely aid, and it was decided to present each of them with a suitable certificate at a public meeting to be called for the purpose. The committee also considered the question of doing something in the matter of the various cases of sickness of many of the children following their immersion, and the consequent medical expenses incurred by the parents of the sufferers, also loss of clothing, &c. It was decided to approach the Government to obtain relief in this direction.

An Arrest at Colombo.—Upon arrival of the Omrah at Colombo from Australia on her last voyage homeward an arrest on board was made of an alleged absconder. The "Ceylon Times" of the 14th ultimo reports the matter, from which it appears that the Colombo police had received a cable from Perth giving a description of the person wanted, and supposed to have left Albany by the Omrah on August 27. Upon being arrested the man is reported as having admitted his identity. He was remanded pending the arrival of a police officer from Perth.

Fatality at Redfern.—The City Coroner (Mr. J. C. Woore) held an inquiry yesterday at the Grove Farm Inn, Camperdown, into the death of a boy named William Patrick M'Kee, aged 4 years, which occurred a little after 7 o'clock on the previous night in Pitt-street, Redfern. Deceased, who was a cripple, was left sitting on the doorstep, while a girl in charge of him went into a shop to buy lollies for him, shutting the front gate after her. In her absence the child commenced to crawl across the street and was run over by a 'bus. It was very dark at the spot. The horses were going at a slow trot. The child was taken to the Prince Alfred Hospital, but died shortly after admission. A finding of accidental death was recorded.

A school fair will be opened this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, by Lady Renwick, at the Hutchinson Memorial School-hall, Glebe Point.

As promised by the Minister for Public Works (Hon. E. W. O'Sullivan), at a recent deputation of the Balmain Council, a notification was received yesterday by Alderman H. Mills (Mayor of Balmain) that a Ministerial visit to the suburb would be made, when a personal inspection of a number of works which the aldermen had been agitating for would take place.

The Chief Justice has appointed Mr. Staunton W. Spain, notary public, of Queensland-offices, Bridge-street, a commissioner for taking affidavits, &c., in the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

His Excellency Lord Beauchamp has conferred his patronage on Messrs. Fairfax and Roberts, of Hunter-street, whom he has appointed vice-regal jewellers.

The public park at Petersham has been receiving considerable attention at the hands of the Petersham Council lately. At a meeting of the council on Tuesday evening authority was received from the Governor in Council to devote £250 of the corporate fund to works in the park.

A lecture will be delivered by the Rev. John Fordyce, M.A., at the Y.M.C.A., this evening, on "What We Owe to the Reformation."

Although the firm of W. E. Smith and Co. has suffered severe loss owing to the destruction by fire of a portion of its large establishment in Bridge-street, Mr. Smith has been successful in securing plant and stock which will enable the firm to fulfil all orders in hand, and to meet new business.

Messrs. Washington H. Soul and Co., having obtained a large shipment of the latest perfumery manufacture, known as erasmic, have beautified their establishment at 160 Pitt-street, by an artistic display of the new perfume. Both windows have been transformed into unique displays of pleasing blendings of colours. In one window a spider's web in the form of veils considerably to the effect, and artificial lilies, poppies, violets, and chrysanthemums have been prettily arranged. Immediately on entering the shop the visitor is attracted by a pagoda exhibit of bottles of the scent. From the ceiling are hung manve and white draperies, the tout ensemble being most pleasing and picturesque. The decorations, which attracted much attention yesterday, will be on view for a few days. They were designed by Mr. Priday, the local representative of the Erasmic Company. Mr. W. R. Bird, manager for Mr. Soul, likens erasmic to a most delicate extract of violets.

The visiting delegates to the Eight-hour Demonstration have been hospitably treated by local members of the committee during their stay. On Sunday the visitors were driven to Nairabeen. On Monday evening they were entertained at a social evening by the officers of the demonstration. There were several visitors present, including Messrs. James Wilson, M.L.C., Mr. S. Smith, M.L.A. The usual toasts were honoured, after which harmony was indulged in. Messrs. Jordan Brothers' Circus, and the Criterion and Palace Theatres were visited by invitation of the managements. The delegates speak in warm terms of the hospitality accorded them.

Gas cooking demonstrations were given yesterday at the Australian Gaslight Company's showroom by Miss Cook, and at the School of Arts by Mrs. Small. At the first-named place Wright's Eureka cooker, 410, was used, and about 70 ladies were present. At the School of Arts Mrs. Small demonstrated plain and artistic cookery with Raleigh's New Paragon stove, which has been remodelled.

The St. John Ambulance Association advertises that its office has been removed to No. 21 Equitable Buildings.

The Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade reports that during September 154 cases of accident, sudden illness in the streets, and invalid transports were dealt with, the ambulances travelling 438 miles thereon. The cases are classified as follows:—Government, 20; wharf and shipping acc dents, 10; street accidents, 25; at the sports, 50; medical, surgical, and casualty transports, 66; factory accidents, 8; domestic, 3; treated at the ambulance stations according to first aid, 35. Twenty-seven were female cases, 14 occurred on Sundays, and 4 cases terminated fatally. Of these, 32 persons were conveyed to Sydney Hospital, 15 to Prince Alfred Hospital, and others to St. Vincent's Hospital and Hospice, North Shore Hospital, Glebe Children's Hospital, Women's Hospital, Benevolent Society's Lying-in Hospital, St. Margaret's Maternity Home, and the Hospital Admission Depot. The brigade has now attended on 3523 cases.

A ball was held on Tuesday evening in the Paddington Town Hall with a view of raising funds to provide a stall at the forthcoming Commonwealth fair, and was attended by about 230 persons.

The number of visitors to the Australian Museum during the month of September was—On week days 5811, being an average of 264 per day; on Sundays 2344, being an average of 586 per day.

Particulars are called for by advertisement from persons who sustained loss through the accident to the Christ Church (Enmore) Sunday School picnic party at Circular Quay.

The National Art Gallery of New South Wales was visited last month by 20,933 persons, the daily averages being 456 on weekdays and 2015 on Sundays. During the first two days of this month, Eight-hours Day and the Sunday preceding, upwards of 10,000 visitors were recorded.

Three lads, aged from 16 to 17 years, had a narrow escape from drowning last night. They were fishing under the P. and O. Company's wharf, when their boat upset, and they were thrown into the water. The water was rather rough, and the lads endeavoured to climb up the piers, but were still in considerable danger. Calling out, they attracted the attention of the watchman, who threw life buoys to them, and the Water Police a few minutes afterwards rescued the party.

A seaman named James Wood, 35, fell down the hold of the steamer Rockton yesterday, and was admitted into the Sydney Hospital suffering from a compound fracture of the thigh.

A sailor named John Nyngan, 43 years old, fell last night from an upper window of the Sailors' Home, where he had been staying for the past 10 days, striking the rocks in the back yard below, a distance of 30ft. No one witnessed the accident, Nyngan being alone in his bedroom on the first floor just before it occurred. He was taken to Sydney Hospital, where it was found that he had sustained a compound fracture of the right thigh, fracture of both bones of the left leg, and serious injuries to the head and face.

Mr. Thomas Suffield, whose case was before Parliament on several occasions, died yesterday. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, and the deceased was attended in his illness by Dr. Coutie, of Petersham. At the time of death he was living at the residence of Mr. J. Warren, at 3 Carrington-road, Summer Hill. The deceased produced a volume of poems, which were published a few months ago.

A fire was discovered at 3.30 a.m. yesterday in a tobacconist's premises occupied by T. Mitchell, Glebe-road. The M.F.B. from Newtown and George-street West, with a salvage van from headquarters, attended, but the outbreak was extinguished by the Glebe volunteers with buckets of water. The flooring for a few feet in the front room on the first floor was damaged.

THE SPEAKING OF THE WAIKATO.

SIGHTED ROLLING VERY MUCH AND FLYING URGENT SIGNALS.

THE BANCA'S REPORT IN FULL.

AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The captain of the barque Banca, from London, reports having sighted the Waikato on the 2nd of September, in latitude 43·21 south and longitude 51·46 east. There was a strong easterly breeze and a high sea running at the time. The Waikato, which was flying urgent signals, reported her shaft broken. She was making but little headway, and was rolling very much. Her exact position was 1080 miles S.S.E. of Cape Saint Mary, the extreme southern end of Madagascar.

A further report says that the Banca towed up the river on the evening tide and berthed at Gibbs, Bright, and Co.'s wharf, Kangaroo Point, shortly after half-past 8 to-night. In response to inquiries made with reference to the Waikato Captain Wood made the following statement:—On September 2 when in 43·20 S. and 51·46 E., we spoke the steamer with urgent signals flying. I immediately shortened sail and stood by for her. When we got close enough we found that the vessel was the Waikato, from Plymouth, with her shaft broken. We steered round her and signalled, hanging on as best we could. She was heading north-east, and was making very heavy weather, there being a stiff gale blowing and a very nasty sea running. Notwithstanding this, however, I took the Banca close under the steamer's lee within speaking distance; in fact the captain of the steamer called out and asked me to take him in tow, but I replied that it was impossible. The steamer then signalled, "Will you take me in tow?" I hoisted in reply, "Simply impossible." We sailed round her again, and when we came up under her lee the second time I told the captain that I was very sorry, but that it was utterly impossible for me to take his vessel in tow. Nothing was said about provisions or coal, so that I took it for granted that he was not in want in those respects. The vessel presented rather a dirty appearance. Those on board were naturally very anxious to obtain assistance. The steamer, which was making but very poor headway under a certain amount of sail, a jib and foretop-sail, foretrysail, triangular foresail, and another sail rigged on a jury spar. She carried a fore upper-topsail yard, but there was no sail bent from that. I imagined she had lost some of her canvas in a gale. She did not appear to be deep loaded if she was a full ship when she started on her voyage. I am almost certain that when we met her she had jettisoned some cargo. Altogether we sailed round and about her for over two hours, carrying on conversation both by word of mouth and by signals, she rolling very badly and shipping large quantities of water. In consequence of the we had to be very careful about not getting too close to her. Naturally I pitied the poor fellows on board the steamer. Had they been able to guarantee me favourable winds I would unhesitatingly have taken them in tow. To have done so under the conditions which prevailed, however, would have been a most risky and foolhardy undertaking. Before leaving the vessel I promised to report her at the first possible opportunity. A few hours after leaving her the wind came away from the west-south-west, the whole of the day southerly weather prevailed, so that the disabled vessel would be able to make some headway to the north. This is what the captain was aiming for, for his only chance of assistance was to get into the track of steamers, which is considerably north of the usual track of sailing vessels. Three days after sighting the Waikato the wind veered round to N. and N.W., and continued to blow from that direction for four days.

GROUNDING OF THE INNAMINCKA.

ATTEMPT TO REFLOAT THE VESSEL

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The steamer Barrier left Cairns last night to go to the assistance of the Innamincka. The attempt to float her off last night was not successful. The stranded steamer is not making much water. A quantity of bananas has been jettisoned, the cargo being shifted preparatory to being lightered. The Barrier is expected to arrive on the scene this afternoon. The captain of the Innamincka believes that there are good prospects of getting the vessel off by either to-night's or to-morrow's tide.

STATEMENTS BY PASSENGERS.

MACKAY, Wednesday.

W. Brown, a passenger for Townsville South by the stranded steamer Innamincka, says:—I am blind. I was lying down awake when I felt a shock as if the vessel was going over something. I at once felt the engines reversed, and then distinct separate bumps, as if the vessel were lifting over one boulder on to another. I went on deck. People were moving about quietly and orderly, but quickly. I went forward to the engine-room and was sure she was hard and fast. The engines were going hard astern. There was only fift. of water under the bows. The Barcoo came near us about 6 o'clock in the morning. It was very calm, but there would have been trouble had the weather been boisterous. The vessel must have struck shortly after high tide, so I consider some difficulty will be experienced in getting her off. She was going at a good speed at the time of striking.

Patrick J. Cusack, another passenger, said the after the first shock the vessel seemed to strike hard and fast. He looked over the side and saw rocks alongside. The night was quite bright and clear. It was not at all hazy. There was no confusion. The vessel from the bows to past the engine-room is on the rocks.

THE BURROWA ELECTION.

HARDEN, Wednesday.

Mr. Nielsen, the newly elected member for Burrowa, addressed a meeting last night. He returned thanks for his election, and promised nothing would be spared to serve them well.

THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The Governor is almost certain to have had an experience of a western duststorm. To-day he was at Menindie, or in the neighbourhood of Menindie, when it was swept by the storm. It is perhaps the worst place in the district for such a storm.

MENINDIE, Wednesday.

The Governor and suite reached Menindie from Weinteriga station at 6 this evening, after a long day's travelling in a blinding duststorm, which raged furiously all day. His Excellency was immediately presented by the residents with an address. The party leaves early to-morrow for Kars station, en route to Broken Hill.

TO-DAY.

Centenary Hall: Rev. E. Tremayne Dunstan's Lecture Entertainment, "Cousin Jack's Land," 8 p.m.
Lecture, Burwood School of Arts, 8 p.m.
Glebe Point Hutchinson Memorial School Hall, Toxteth street: Fair will be opened by Lady Renwick, 3 p.m.
L.O.L., 30, Presbyterian Hall, Paddington, 7.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Hall: Lecture by Rev. John Fordyce, 7.45 p.m.
L.O.L., No. 15, Oddfellows' Hall, Enmore road, 7.30 p.m.
L.O.L., 27, Royal William, Protestant Hall, 8 p.m.
Cooking Demonstration by Miss Asche, School of Arts, 3 p.m.
Ocean-street Congregational Church, Woollahra: Bazaar in aid of Church Funds will be opened at 8 p.m.
Lecture, Mr. Slattery, Glebe Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Brighton Racing Club: First Race at 2.40 p.m.
Sale of Work, St. Andrew's Schoolhouse, Pitt-street, 3 p.m.
Cinematographe and Cyclorama: 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.
Bondi Aquarium: Open Daily.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Christian," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "Called Back," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: 7.45 p.m.
Coogee Aquarium: Open daily.
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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has assured Mr. Henniker Heaton, M.P., that, in view of the special session of Parliament to deal with the Transvaal difficulty, it would be contrary to precedent to submit the Commonwealth Bill to the House of Commons during that session. There would not be the slightest difficulty, however, in passing the bill early in 1900, unless the bill raised a question of Imperial concern.

Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., and other Parliamentary leaders endorse Mr. Chamberlain's view of the matter.

THE VENEZUELA BOUNDARY QUESTION.

AWARD OF THE ARBITRATION COURT.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The Arbitration Court which assembled at Paris to consider the boundary question between Venezuela and British Guiana has given its award.

The Court unanimously gave to Venezuela Barima Point and the mouth of the Orinoco, but in other respects it mainly adhered to the Schomburgk line.

By the award Venezuela gets less than Great Britain offered her, while to Great Britain is apportioned all the goldfields and forests, and an equality in navigation.

The long-standing boundary dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain, representing British Guiana, attracted much attention during 1895, and led to some friction between Great Britain and the United States. Venezuela based her claim on those put forward by Spain, to whose rights she succeeded on gaining her independence in 1821. The British, on the other hand, took over their claims from the Dutch, by whom the colony was ceded to them in 1814. In 1839 the Schomburgk line was surveyed, and in 1841 marked out as a reasonable basis for a settlement of the dispute. In 1881 a modified Schomburgk line was drawn including rather more territory than the original line.

THE AMERICA CUP.

SHAMROCK V. COLUMBIA.

AN UNDECIDED CONTEST.

THE YACHTS BECALMED.

RACE TO RESAILED.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

Great excitement prevails at New York regarding the race for the America Cup between the Shamrock and the Columbia. Unprecedented crowds have gathered to witness the race. The weather is fine with a 16-knot breeze blowing.

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Owing to the dropping of the breeze the full course, a distance of 30 miles, was not covered within five hours and a half. The race will be resailed to-morrow.

The wind varied from 12 to 8 knots, and towards the end of the afternoon it died away, the yachts becoming becalmed three miles from home.

The Shamrock, which received 6 3-10 seconds, led from the outset. The Columbia, however, overhauled her, and passed the stake boat first; but by superior handling the Shamrock again took the lead.

The Shamrock's light-weather abilities surprised everyone, and Sir Thomas Lipton is hopeful of winning the Cup.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

The Earl of Aberdeen (late Governor-General of Canada) and Lord Strathcona (Agent-General) will represent Canada on the Pacific Cable Board, which will probably hold its first meeting in London in the middle of November.

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Sir Sandford Fleming recommends Australia to accept the offer of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company for the laying of a cable from the Cape to Australia, but with a condition enabling the colonial Governments to purchase the cable at a fair valuation.

MAHDISM IN AFRICA.

TROOPS SENT TO BERBERA.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Four hundred infantry and a cavalry regiment have been sent from Bombay to Berbera, on the southern shores of the Gulf of Aden, to suppress a threatened native rising, a local mullah having declared himself to be the true Mahdi.

TASMANIAN TIN-MINING COMPANY

LONDON, Oct. 3.

The Tasmanian Tin Mines, Blue Tier, have been formed into a company with a capital of £150,000, of which £40,000 has been underwritten.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

At the wool sales to-day prices were firm. A better spirit was shown by buyers in regard to merino descriptions.

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The following prices have been realised for fleece of the respective clips:—Tanama, 5½d; Barenga, 10½d; Hilbersdin, 10½d; Moa Flat, 13½d; Peak Downs, 13½d; Clifford, 14½d; Yelta, 16½d.

The relapse in the market was due to the home trade pausing, but operations are now more active.

AUSTRALIAN TOBACCO.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Vondel's shipment of Australian tobacco arrived in fair condition. It will be offered for sale in November.

THE TRANSVAAL

A BOER ULTIMATUM.

BRITISH TROOPS MOBILISING.

EXODUS FROM THE RAND.

MINERS ADVISED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

NATIVES LOOTING CHARLESTOWN.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

The natives have looted Charlestown, the northern terminus of the Natal railway, which was deserted on account of the menacing attitude of the Boers.

BOERS INSULTING REFUGEES.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

The Boers are insulting and maltreating refugees, and compelled them to uncover their heads during the singing of the "Volkalied," the Transvaal National Anthem.

ARTILLERY MARCHING TO KIMBERLEY.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

A large force, composed of the Orange Free State Artillery, is marching in the direction of Kimberley.

ARRIVAL OF THE INDIAN CONTINGENT.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

The first portion of the Indian contingent has arrived at Durban, Natal, with the 21st Battery of Field Artillery.

WAR SUPPLIES FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

Orders have been placed by Great Britain for four and a half million pounds of tinned meat with the Louisville Packing Company. Similar orders have also been given to Chicago and Cincinnati companies.

(The above appeared in our second edition of yesterday.)

REPORTED ULTIMATUM TO GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

It is reported at Paris that President Kruger has sent an ultimatum to Great Britain declaring that the despatch of further reinforcements to South Africa will be regarded as a casus belli.

MOBILISATION OF BRITISH TROOPS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the troops of the First Army Corps at Aldershot have been ordered to mobilise.

EXODUS FROM JOHANNESBURG.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The exodus from Johannesburg continues. Five thousand Europeans took their departure from the city during Saturday and Sunday last.

THE RAND MINES.

MINERS ADVISED TO LEAVE.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

President Kruger finds that in consequence of the scarcity of labour he will be unable, in the event of war, to work the mines on the Rand for the benefit of the Republic as he had intended. He will, however, take measures to protect them.

The Mining Commissioner has advised British miners on the Rand to leave immediately.

THE RAADS ADJOURNED.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The First and Second Raads of the Transvaal have adjourned.

WARSHIPS ORDERED TO DELAGOA BAY.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

H.M.S. Magicienne, 2950 tons, a twin-screw cruiser of the third class, has been ordered to Delagoa Bay.

An Italian cruiser has also been ordered to the same place.

TELEGRAPH AND MAIL SERVICES SUSPENDED.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The telegraphic service and the mails between Natal and the Transvaal have been suspended.

SEIZURE OF GOLD IN TRANSIT.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The Transvaal authorities have seized gold in transit to the value of £500,000.

BOTHA PASS CLOSED.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

The Orange Free State has closed the Botha Pass in the Drakensburg Mountains.

FRENCH CONSUL-GENERAL AT PRETORIA.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The French Consul at Pretoria has been made a Consul-General.

FURTHER FALL IN CONSOLS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Consols are quoted at 102⅜, a fall of ⅛ since yesterday. In the early part of the day bargains were secured at 101⅞ cash.

CONFERENCE OF MILITARY COMMANDANTS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Commandants of the military forces of Australia and Tasmania concluded their conference this evening, when their report was signed and sent to the Minister for Defence, who handed it to the Premier at Parliament House later in the evening. Both Sir G. Turner and Mr. M'Culloch said they were unable at the present stage to say anything whatever as to the character of the report. It had been telegraphed to the Ministers of Defence of the other colonies, who would lay it before their respective Governments immediately, and until the Governments had mutually discussed its proposals and agreed as to what action they should take in regard to it nothing would be allowed to transpire touching its contents.

Though no official intimation has been made as to the details of the report, it is said to be of such a reasonable character that should it be approved by the Governments of the different colonies, it is likely to be endorsed by the Parliaments when they are invited to consider its provisions.

Major-General French will leave by Thursday's express for Sydney, and Major-General Gunter will leave for Queensland by the same train. Colonel Stuart will leave by the Adelaide express. Colonel Chippindale will take his departure by the first steamer going west, and Colonel Legge by the outgoing steamer for Tasmania.

No official statement has been made as to the recommendations of the conference, but there are good grounds for believing that the main recommendation of the conference will be that the force sent to South Africa should be almost entirely a mounted one not exceeding 1000 in number, and that men be drawn proportionately from the colonies contributing to the cost.

THE VICTORIAN OFFER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Premier when questioned on the subject said he was not yet in a position to make a statement with regard to the despatch of volunteers to the Transvaal, but he would do so at the earliest possible opportunity. The proposition which the Government would make would be of such a nature as would allow of the fullest discussion.

TROOPS FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MESSAGE FROM MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day, in the absence of the Premier through influenza, the Treasurer gave notice that to-morrow the Premier would move that Parliament should grant supplies for the equipment and despatch of 125 volunteers for service in South Africa. (Cheers.) Replying to questions the Treasurer said that on September 4 the Premier communicated with the Governor to the effect that the Government, from communications made to it, had reasons to believe that in the event of circumstances rendering such action desirable, some members of the local defence forces would be willing to volunteer for service beyond the colony. This communication was passed on to Mr. Chamberlain, who replied:—"Many thanks for the offer, and if necessary the British Government will very gladly accept."

In the Legislative Council the Chief Secretary gave notice that the Council approves of despatching troops for service in South Africa.

NEW ZEALAND'S ENTHUSIASM.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

It is stated that owing to the comparatively small number of eligible men belonging to the mounted corps in the colony, who have volunteered for service in the Transvaal, it will be necessary if the contingent is to consist of 200 mounted men to enlist a number of men who although good horsemen and well drilled are not at present connected with any volunteer corps.

The Maoris in the Wairarapa district are taking very great interest in the state of affairs in South Africa, and it is expected that about 100 native horsemen will be enrolled.

THE QUEENSLAND CONTINGENT.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

In the Assembly to-day, replying to Mr. Jackson, the Premier said he was waiting for a reply from the Imperial Government, which he understood was received to-day but was not yet deciphered, with reference to the despatch of a Queensland contingent to the Transvaal. He was also waiting the return of the Commandant from Melbourne with the terms of the agreement between the colonies on the matter before tabling the papers, but he could promise the House they would be given ample time to understand the nature of the proposals he intended to submit to Parliament in the event of a contingent being sent from here.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT.

PERTH, Wednesday.

In the Assembly yesterday the Premier gave notice of motion—"That this House desires to express its loyalty and devotion with her Majesty the Queen, and sympathises with her Majesty's Government in the difficulties which have arisen in South Africa, and also is of opinion that in the event of war being declared Western Australia should co-operate with the other colonies in offering to despatch a military force to the Transvaal."

VOLUNTEERS FROM NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

It is understood that fully 200 officers and men of the 4th Infantry Regiment have privately volunteered for service in the Transvaal.

STEAMERS FROM SYDNEY.

CONVEYANCE OF TWELVE HUNDRED TROOPS.

REPORTED ENGAGEMENT OF SPACE.

LARGE ORDERS FOR FORAGE FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

VESSELS DIVERTED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS.

It was yesterday reported that 1200 troops are to be despatched at an early date from Australia to the Cape. Two large steamers at present in Sydney Harbour have been measured as to space for their conveyance, with baggage, &c., and contracts have been drawn up for the transport of 900 horses from various Australian ports. Queensland has orders for a considerable number, also Victoria. Speaking yesterday upon the present influence of the war cloud upon Australian commerce, a shipping authority informed a "Herald" reporter that in his particular line it meant that freights had advanced to the Cape enormously. A rate of 35s per ton had been offered for prompt loading of a steamer, but without result, while a less rate was being done to London. The fact was that, in his opinion, four or five steamers could at the present moment be loaded for South Africa. The required tonnage was not to be had, so to speak, for love or money. Steamers whose names might be given had been taken off the listed loading berth at Sydney for London and were now practically fixed for South Africa. The transport of thousands of tons of fodder has to be provided for, and as Australia is nearest to the scene amongst the countries which are able to supply the produce, the business has naturally come here. The withdrawal of previously supposed wool-carrying steamers from the homeward lists would, he thought, have some effect upon the freight market should the war scare be prolonged. As it is the question of transporting Australian troops and horses, as well as to execute orders for enormous shipments of all kinds of produce, meats and food supplies, is already absorbing the full capacity of the departing steamers for South Africa, with every inch of space arranged in those vessels not at present specifically named. The direct run from Sydney to Capetown or to Natal occupies about 23 days, or two days less from Melbourne, so that the Australian ports are very favourably situated as regards their proximity from a sauveying point of view. Of the projected movements of troops the military authorities, as well as the agents of the steamers immediately concerned, are not unreasonably reserved. No one knows, particularly after the game of bluff which the Boers have played on the one hand, and the indecisiveness of the Home Government on the other, at what moment an understanding may be arrived at. The effect, however, here is a marked disturbance in shipping matters; such an upheaval, indeed, as has not occurred for many years.

THE SITUATION IN SYDNEY.

With a view to contingencies that may arise the military authorities yesterday made certain inquiries with regard to the vessels in port available for transport purposes. There is no special significance in what has been done, as in various ways it is necessary for those in charge of the military department to be prepared for such emergencies as may crop up at any moment. The whole matter with regard to the sending of troops from New South Wales rests now with the Premier, as executive head of the Military Department. He has distinctly stated that no action will be taken without consulting Parliament, so that nothing definite is likely to be done for a fortnight. In the meantime the military authorities are carefully noting the names of those who volunteer for service. Such particulars as knowledge of the Boer language, previous service, and other qualifications that may be necessary and useful in the different capacities in which men may be called upon to act, are also being entered, so that if orders are given for the enrolment of a contingent a minimum amount of time will be necessary for its organisation and despatch.

Major-General French, who is still engaged at the commandants' conference in Melbourne, is expected to return to-morrow. Up to last night, however, there was no official intimation on the subject.

THE OFFER OF THE LANCERS.

Regarding the offer of the detachment of New South Wales Lancers about to leave England, for service in the Transvaal the Premier yesterday despatched a telegram to the Agent-General, for transmission to Lord Carrington, stating that the matter would be laid before Parliament, and that if the troops came on to the Cape full instructions would await them there.

SMALL-BORE MAUSER BULLETS.

Should it prove correct that a large proportion of the Boers are armed with the small-bore Mauser rifle then they will be at a disadvantage as compared with the British arms. Commenting upon the effects of the small-bore Mauser bullets in the Spanish-American war, an American exchange states that out of nearly 1400 wounded men only three died of their wounds, and it is proved that modern warfare has been revolutionised by the introduction of the small calibre bullet, for painless death or almost painless recovery from his wound is the alternative fate of the soldier stricken down in the field of battle by the modern calibre bullet. If he is not killed outright his wound almost invariably heals under the present antiseptic treatment. The pain and discomfort following a modern gunshot wound is singularly small. The sensation felt on the impact of a small-calibre bullet in soft tissue is said to be very much like that of being struck a sharp blow with a rattan cane. If a bone is struck the sensation resembles that experienced on receiving a smashing blow with a crowbar or a similar weapon. Unless a nerve is injured or laceration is extensive the subsequent discomfort is trifling. At Santiago the medical officers found that the hemorrhage from gunshot wound was small—the projectile actually pressing the blood vessels to one side without puncturing them. Ligature of arteries was rare, and no cases of death from primary hemorrhage occurred. More remarkable still is the fact that perforating wounds of the brain, lung, or abdominal viscera, if not immediately fatal, were recovered from without operations in a large number of instances. No amputations were performed at Santiago. Compound fractures were relatively scarce.

THE MILITARY SITUATION AND THE TRANSVAAL.

PROBABLE STRENGTH OF THE BRITISH FORCES.

AN ARMY OF 55,000 MEN EXPECTED.

Though the various rumours as to the numbers and nature of the troops which are being got ready are (says the "Spectator") probably in many cases erroneous in detail, we do not suppose that the general lines of acti n described are very far wrong. For example, we do not imagine that there need be much doubt as to the truth of the allegation made in several papers that Sir Redvers Buller will command our forces in case of war. He is a general of great experience and ability, and he knows the country. Again, we do not doubt that the main force will be concentrated in Natal, and will move along the line of railway into the Transvaal, though possibly there may also be flank movements from the Bechuanaland Protectorate and even from Kimberley.

Next, it is clear that the troops which will concentrate in Natal will be drawn from three different sources. To begin with, there are by this time about 6000 or more regulars already in Natal. Next, a force of we may suppose, about 30,000 men in all will be dispatched direct from England. There will be another force—all, of course, white troops—numbering some 10,000, which will be sent from India. Then there will be a considerable number of local levies, consisting of the Natal Volunteers and the Natal Mounted Police (essentially a military body), numbering together at least 2000, and also of volunteers specially enlisted in Cape Colony, who may number another 1000. Lastly, we do not doubt that the powerful squadron in South African waters would be able to provide a Naval Brigade of no less than 1000 men—making in all an army of some 50,000 men in Natal. If we add to these the irregular troops which will be collected on the other frontiers of the South African Republic, the total force to be employed will probably be close on 55,000 men, in which the proportions of cavalry and artillery will be very large.

In addition to these, there will be the English regiments which will be left to garrison Cape Colony. That the main force, acting from Natal, assisted by movements from Bechuanaland, will be quite sufficient to deal with any resistance offered to them, thought that resistance will be conducted by a specially brave people, we cannot doubt. It is difficult to say exactly how many men the Boers will be able to put in the field. Of course, if the whole Dutch population of the Cape and of the Orange Free State threw up work on their farms and flocked to support President Kruger in holding down the Uitlanders, they might easily produce a body of 50,000 men, but that this will take place is far from likely.

What is probable (nay, we should say what is almost certain) is that only the younger and more adventurous of the Dutch farmers will come to the aid of the Boers. But this is not likely to mean a body of more than 5000 or 6000 men. Let us suppose that the Boers themselves can put 20,000 men into the field. Their total force, then, is not likely to be more than 25,000 men. And this, remember, will not be an organised force, but rather a mob of good marksmen. But a mob, even when each person in it provides his own transport and commissariat for, say, a week, is not an army. That groups of Boers 500 strong, or even 1000, will fight very effectively in a rough country must, of course, be admitted. It is probable, indeed, that good shooting and individual resource and pluck may make an unorganised body of 600 or 700 men a more formidable force than can exact drilling and close organisation. When, however, it comes to bodies of 10,000 or 15,000 men, the want of organisation and of cohesion will be very greatly felt.

The Boers will, we grant, not fail for want of company or regimental organisation, but they will for want of brigade organisation. Their strength in numbers will be an actual source of weakness, as will be their artillery. A force of 600 men without guns or any impediments, and in which each man looks out for himself, can act without confusion. A force of 15,000 men encumbered with guns, and necessarily trying to work together without knowing how, will be in a very different position. If, then, the Boers do not meet us in force we do not think we need be afraid of the result. But perhaps it will be said that the Boers will not meet us in force, but will keep up a running war as they did last time. We do not think this likely, for it would mean the abandonment of Pretoria and of the forts of Pretoria and Johannesburg. But even if they refused to meet us in the open, and determined to play a waiting game, we do not think it would be successful.

In the old war the majority, nay, practically the whole, of the people of the Transvaal were against us. Now the majority are on our side, and would welcome us as deliverers, not as enemies. For example, there are even in Pretoria some 30,000 Uitlanders. If, then, the Boers were to allow us to enter the Transvaal and to occupy Pretoria and Johannesburg, and to rely upon dilatory tactics, we should find ourselves at once welcomed and strengthened by a great friendly population, which we should at once proceed to arm and organise. The occupation of Johannesburg and the Rand district would at once add 10,000, or even 15,000, men to our forces.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Solicitor-General arrived at a decision yesterday in the matter of the petition for the release of the two prisoners, Boland and Ray, who are serving sentences for perjury in connection with two licensing prosecutions at Brunswick. The Solicitor-General states that he sees no reason why the sentences should be disturbed. He has therefore declined to recommend the Executive to interfere.

The Minister for Customs has granted bonuses to the members of the Queenscliff life

COUNTRY NEWS.

TEBRIFIC DUSTSTORM.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

One of the severest duststorms experienced for many years raged at Broken Hill to-day. All business was stopped, and the shops were closed. The mines' surface workings filled along the line of lode were closed down, and a number of miners had to go home owing to the dust and the interference with the hauling machinery. At 2a.m. a terrific N.W. gale blew, raising huge banks of red dust, which quickly lodged on the town. A train owing to the strong head winds was over an hour late. This is considered the worst day since "Black Thursday" in April, 1896. Old and experienced travellers who came to town to-day said they kept losing the way, and had great difficulty in getting to the Hill.

ADELONG, Wednesday.

Mr. Michael Hudson, aged 59 years, died to-day. Deceased was one of the early pioneers who opened the district in the early days.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

At the committee meeting in connection with the late Albury show to-day several protests were dealt with.

Ten points of rain fell last night.

It is reported that apples similar to that of the fruit trees is now attacking the wheat crops. Much damage is said to have been done by the pest.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

At the footballers' social last night, Mr. J. J. Sullivan, president of Our Boys Club, was the recipient of an enlarged photo, in a frame of the senior team, the winners of last season's trophy.

BOURKE, Wednesday.

A drover named Stephens, while galloping over the plain near the hospital to-day, collided with a tree and died immediately. The horse was also killed. Deceased, who was engaged droving sheep to Toorale, had been scrub cutting at that holding. His relations live at Bairnsdale, Victoria.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

William Rutter, an elderly miner working in the British Broken mine, met with an accident yesterday. He and a mate were sinking a winze in the 900ft. level, and had charged some holes. Not hearing the fusespitting, Rutter went to the winze and looked down. As he did so the charge exploded, and a piece of rock, driven upwards with great force, struck him on the left eye, crushing the eyeball. He was removed to the hospital. It is feared he will lose the eye.

COOMA, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the ladies' benevolent society was held yesterday. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £105 17s 11d.

This morning rain fell freely.

CUNNAMBLE, Wednesday.

The first exhibition of the Cunnamble Poultry and Horticultural Club was officially opened by the Mayor in the School of Arts this afternoon. The exhibits in both sections were good. The chief prize-takers in poultry were:—R. G. Frauss, Mrs. Wax, J. Handley, A. E. Newton, and E. Whitney; in the flower section George Edgell, Mesdames Herrmann, Nebe, Burkett, and M'William were the prize winners. George Edgell took the prize for the best kept garden in town.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

The annual fancy fair in aid of the Church of England was opened in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

A boy named John Wills, 7, was rushed by a cow, which inflicted a wound near the abdomen requiring seven stitches.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

At Goulburn last quarter 119 births were registered and 36 deaths.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

Last quarter the marriages were 12, births 62, deaths 17.

KEMPSEY, Wednesday.

Mr. James Crotty was yesterday elected to fill the vacancy in the borough council caused by the resignation of Alderman O'Halloran.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

Mr. R. J. Balmer, of the Lismore "Chronicle," who had been away to New Zealand, died to-night at Ballina, where he landed on his way home. The deceased established at Casino the first paper printed on the Richmond River many years ago.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

Complaint is made from several portions of the district regarding the damage done by the frost, following the recent cold weather, especially to the fruit trees and the flowers.

This town having now been incorporated over ten years the council has received a communication from the Government intimating that the subsidy will in future be on the basis of 5s in the £. At the meeting of the council last night the aldermen concluded an agreement with A. Hainke, of Enfield for the adoption of a new and improved sanitary system in the borough. It was also decided to spend £100 in increasing the School of Arts accommodation in connection with the library and readingroom.

MILTON, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Milton Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society washeld last night, under the presidency of the Rev. J. Hornby Spear (Anglican). The Rev. J. W. Gillett, of St. Matthias', Padmington, attended as a deputation from the New South Wales Auxiliary, and delivered an interesting address on the work and operations of the society. The Rev. B. Rhodes (Congregational) was elected president for the ensuing year, and Miss Annie Alcorn secretary and treasurer.

The annual ploughing matches under the auspices of the Ulladulla Agricultural Society were held today at Woodstock, and were fairly well attended. In the All-comers' Match the prize-winners were—J. J. Martin, 1; Sam Garrad, 2, M. Kenny, 3; J. Latta, jun., 4. Mr. Martin was also the winner of the champion silver cup offered by the society in 1896 for the ploughman winning three successive first-class matches or five not consecutively. This was Mr. Martin's third successive win, and also his fifth win in champion matches. In the second-class competition the winners were G. Gould, D. Latta, and J. Gould.

MITTAGONG, Wednesday.

A successful social was held in the lecture-room, School of Arts, last night in connection with the Mittagong Cricket Club. There was a good attendance.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

The annual Anglican Sunday school picnic was held at Gamboola homestead to-day.

During last quarter 45 births, 13 deaths, and 4 marriages were registered.

RAYMOND TERRACE, Wednesday.

The Miller's Forest Convent school picnic took place yesterday afternoon in Mr. John Kearney's paddock at Miller's Forest. There was a large attendance. A ball was held at night in the Roman Catholic schoolroom.

STROUD, Wednesday.

Mrs. Edward Davey, 43, of Branch Boural, died on Monday. Deceased leaves 13 children, the youngest being only a few days old.

Frosts of the last few days slightly injured potatoe and other young crops.

TINGHA, Wednesday.

Heavy frosts have damaged the gardens, crops, and grape vines.

WALGETT, Wednesday.

The C. P. S. receipts for the quarter were £48 18s 8d; land revenue, £2825 16s 8d.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

While Constable Wemert was giving evidence for the prosecution in the police court to-day in connection with a charge of assault, he became seriously ill and had to be removed to the hospital.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

Mr. Fosbery, the Inspector-General of Police, arrived at West Maitland last night, and this morning he inspected the police of the subdistrict.

At midday the Chief Justice reviewed the mounted police, and in the afternoon his Honor made an inspection of the Maitland gaol.

DEATH OF MR. HALLEWELL.

The news of the death of Mr. F. J. Hallewell, which occurred at his residence, Nalgar, Campbell street, North Sydney, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, came as a painful surprise even to his more immediate friends. Although in reality far from well, appeared in fairly good health on Saturday, when he saw a number of people at that musical rendezvous, Floyel House, but he returned home to take to his bed, and on Sunday night his life was in danger, the specific complaint being inflammation of the bowels. Early on Tuesday he passed away at the comparatively early age of 53 years. The deceased musician will be greatly missed here, as he was, when in his prime, a fine singer of the English cathedral school, and possessed besides a mellow bass voice of considerable volume and unusually extensive range. One of the most useful voices of this basso cantante class which enable the fortunate possessor to sing baritone parts. It will be remembered that during the oratorio festival here, at which Signor Foli was the principal figure, Mr. Hallewell replaced that famous basso at a moment's notice, and rendered the high music of "Elijah" with excellent effect. It was, however, in Handel's music that Mr. Hallewell especially shone, his stately yet fluent delivery of the coloratur passages being a pleasure to hear. During the last few years the singer was not at his best, and nearly a year ago he was tendered a farewell benefit concert to enable him to revisit England. In the meantime his health improved, so that he reappeared recently with the Philharmonic Society in Handel's "Seasons," and in had accepted engagements for the "Judas Maccabaeus" next month, and for the "Messiah" at Christmas. Although Mr. Hallewell's reputation rested chiefly upon his ability as an oratorio artist, he originally came to this country (in 1880) as the basso of Mr. George Musgrove's "Tambour Major" Opera Company, in which he played the part of the innkeeper. He soon gave up the stage, however, settled in Sydney as a teacher of singing, joined Mr. Harry Lesters and Mr. J. J. Hinchey in founding the Hallewell Glee Club, and sang frequently with the Orpheus Club and other well-known societies. In the concert-room he was noted for his rendering of "Simon the Cellarer." From time to time he also visited Brisbane, Melbourne, and the other Australian capitals. As regards his earlier career, the deceased was at the age of 5 or 6 years a chorister at the great parish church of Leeds, at which city he was born in 1846. Later in life he was soloist at York Minster, and for years he was bass soloist at New College, Oxford. He had many pupils during his residence at the ancient University, amongst whom was numbered Mr. Herbert Gladstone. Mr. Hallewell was married, and leaves a widow and several children in Sydney by a daughter, who kept house for him and tended him affectionately to the last. Mr. F. Assgenheyster, who kindly undertook the task of giving directions in regard to the funeral, states that the cortege will leave Campbell-street at 4 o'clock to-day for St. Thomas' Church, where the interment will take place.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

There were no arrivals, departures, or clearances in connection with the foreign coal trade to-day, and the only sailing in the intercolonial trade was the steamer Derwent, for Melbourne, with 40 tons. To-day's clearances at the Customs included:—Waihora, s., for Auckland, via Sydney, with 550 tons; North Lyell, s., for Hobart, via Sydney, with 738 tons; Republic, ship, for Auckland, with 886 tons; Time, s., for Melbourne, with 3360 tons; and Age, s., for Wallaroo, with 3360 tons.

RIFLE SHOOTING COMPETITIONS.

The following are the results of the quarterly medal competitions under the auspices of the Newcastle Civilian Rifle Club (four best scores off the rifle in six matches) for prizes offered by the Rifle Association of New South Wales:—

J. Nesbitt 61, 65, 61, 60, total 247; T. Gore 59, 64, 58, 66, total 247; C. Barnes, 60, 54, 65, 55, total 232; J. Grimes (counted in five matches only) 55, 60, 55, 61, total 231; J. Herceman (five matches only) 63, 47, 55, 53, total 218; G. Norman 51, 52, 60, 52, total 215; A. Cook (five matches only) 49, 51, 49, 55, total, 206. Nesbitt and Gore, who have tied with a to al nash of 247, will shoot off for the possession of the Association medal.

The results of the club's handicap competitions for the past quarter (four best shots with handicaps added, handicaps ceasing after score of 62 reached) were as under:—

J. Nesbitt (participated in six matches) 62, 62, 63, 61, total 250; T. Gore (six matches) 59, 64, 58, 66, total 247; C. Herrmann (five matches) 63, 59, 62, 61, total 245; J. Grimes (five matches) 61, 62, 60, 62, total 245; G. Norman (six matches) 62, 62, 62, 58, total 244; C. Barnes (six matches) 62, 59, 63, 59, total 243; A. Cook (five matches) 57, 57, 62, 62, total 238; C. J. Stanford (five matches) 61, 62, 57, 54, total 233; J. Maxwell (six matches) 58, 56, 62, 62, total 236; G. H. Short (four matches) 62, 60, 53, 62, total 217; D. M'Donald (four matches) 55, 48, 62, 43, total 209; A. Day (four matches) 46, 62, 43, 47, total 194; A. D. Price (four matches) 43, 41, 52, 45, total 181.

NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL.

THE QUARTERLY REPORT.

The quarterly meeting of the general committee of management of the Newcastle Hospital was held in the boardroom at the institution to-night. The president, Mr. C. H. Hannell, occupied the chair, and there was a full attendance of members. The report of the house committee for the past quarter stated that the revenue totalled £997 16s 8d. The principal sources of income were:—Subscriptions and donations, £252 8s 0d; fees of patients, £197 11s 5d; and Government subsidy, £575 14s 9d. The expenditure during three months, including a sum of £838 9s 7d for maintenance, amounted to £949 6s 1d. There was a credit balance in hand of £253. The actual expenditure had exceeded the estimate by a sum of £200, but this was due to carrying out a number of additions, improvements, and repairs, &c. The committee regretted that the late Government had only provided a sum of £2000 on the Estimates for this proposed new building, instead of £6000 as promised. A deputation had recently waited on the new Colonial Treasurer with a view to replacing the original sum of £6000 on the Estimates to complete the first section of the new buildings. The Hon. J. See had promised to favourably consider the request. The quarterly report of the medical board stated that 204 persons were admitted during the quarter, 147 were discharged cured, 29 discharged relieved, 80 discharged unrelieved, 25 inmates died, and 48 patients remained in the institution. The number of outpatients treated was 1028, and 77 operations had been performed under anæsthetics. The report was unanimously adopted.

The president intimated that the local agents of the White Star liner, Medic, had kindly acceded to his request to throw the vessel open for inspection by the citizens on Saturday and Sunday afternoons next. The 4th Infantry Band had volunteered its services, and it was understood that the Railway Commissioners would provide additional trains for the convenience of visitors from Maitland.

PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL.

ADJUDICATION OF DESIGNS.

The report of Mr. W. L. Vernon, Government Architect, who accepted the honorary position of adjudicator in connection with the competitive designs for the proposed new hospital buildings, which are estimated to cost £20,000, was received at last night's meeting of the general committee of the Newcastle Hospital. Nine designs, each signed with a motto, were submitted for adjudication, and Mr. Vernon awarded the first place to "Experience." Mr. Vernon in his report stated that this design showed evidence that the author or authors had had practical experience in modern hospital construction. He awarded the second place to the motto "Bon Cœur."

It was ascertained upon opening the sealed names of the competitors that the winner of the first prize of £100 was Mr. J. J. Clark, of Brisbane, and the winners of the second prize of £25 were Messrs. F. S. B. and A. Fenton Spencer, of Elizabeth-street, Sydney. It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr. J. R. Hall, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, that the prize money be paid forthwith in accordance with the adjudication.

ACCIDENT TO THE CRANES.

Coal loading operations at the dyke were seriously delayed to-day owing to an accident to the Government hydraulic cranes. It appears that during the course of the morning one of the pressure pipes burst, resulting in the entire suspension of work at Nos. 12, 13, 14, and 15 cranes. A gang of men was engaged to effect repairs, but the work was not completed until 5 p.m. Each of the four cranes was occupied, and four steamers were consequently delayed for six hours.

The Anglican pro-Cathedral was crowded tonight, the occasion being a complimentary organ recital by Mr. George F. King, organist of St. Mary's, West Maitland. The programme was an attractive one. Among those who assisted Mr. G. F. King being Mesdames Clack, Homer, Lance, and Pike; Messrs. G. Rivers Alipress, Edward King, Collins, and the cathedral choir. The proceeds of the collection were devoted to the choir fund.

At the Newcastle School of Arts to-night Mr. J. L. Bruce, of the Sydney Technical College, delivered a lecture on the subject of "Heating, Cooling, and Ventilation, for Domestic and General Purposes."

The Stockton Municipal Council has declined to participate in the Greater Newcastle movement.

A shipment of 25,000ft. of hardwood timber was exported to Hobart by the steamer North Lyall today.

The steamer Time, which cleared at the Customs to-day, has shipped 535 bales of wool at this port for Melbourne.

TASMANIAN SHEEP SHOW.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

The first annual spring show of the Tasmanian Agricultural and Pastoral Society opened to-day. The stud sheep have been judged and the exhibition is pronounced to be the best ever seen in the colony, longwools especially. In merino rams not exceeding 1½ year, A. T. Gibson gained first and champion with Diamond, for ewe exceeding 1½ year, H. S. Smith was awarded first and champion. G. E. Pease secured first and champion for a Shropshire ram over 1½ year, and H. B. Garner, first and champion for ewe under 1½ year. R. G. Hazelwood scored the same honour in Leicesters for a ram over 1½ year, and A. Oliver for ewe over 1½ year. In Lincolns, C. Best and Sons gained first and champion for ram over 1½ year, and W. French for ewe in the same class. Best also gained three other firsts.

Heavy rain fell in the morning, but cleared off in the afternoon, when there was a very large attendance. The exhibition of stock was the best yet seen in the North, and the entries were also large. In draught stallions, Percy Hart secured first and champion with Ben Lomond, recently imported from Melbourne, and Thomas Bartlett was second with Yorkshire Hero, also purchased in Melbourne. In one of the jumping contests J. Phillips, rider of the hunter Pirate, met with a nasty accident through his horse falling, and he sustained serious internal injuries.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY AT BATHURST.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The eight-hour celebrations were held here to-day and were most successful. A procession, in which all the trades and business houses were well represented, marched through the town to the showground, where sports took place and resulted as follows:—

Boys' Race.—S. Ogden, 1; F. Currey, 2.
Girls' Race.—M. Slocombe, 1; B. Langerfield.
Quoit Match.—P. Laycock, 1; R. Ballanger, 2.
Maiden Bicycle Handicap, 1 mile.—J. Crofts, 40 yards, 1; B. Dwyer, 40 yards, 2. Time, 2 minutes 38 3-5 seconds.
120 Yards Amateur Handicap.—A. Brooks, 9½ yards, 1; G. Keans, 5 yards, 2.
Sheffield Terrier Rabbit Coursing Stakes.—N. Gillon's Kruger.
Sheffield Handicap, 120 yards.—H. E. Russell, 12 yards, 1; J. Tiernan, 12 yards, 2. Time, 14 3-5 seconds.
Bicycle Handicap, 1½ mile.—J. Crofts, 220 yards, 1; B. Drew, 215 yards, 2. Time, 3 minutes 57 seconds.
Drop Kick at Football.—A. Read, 41 yards.
Wood Chopping Contest.—F. Badden, 1; P. Peters, 2.
Publicans' Race, 75 yards.—T. Sloan.
Footballers' Handicap, 150 yards.—H. Ingersole, 7 yards, 1; A. Brooks, 9½ yards, 2.
Hurdle Race, 120 yards.—H. Reynolds, 9 yards, 1; W. Russell, 11 yards, 2.

The concert and social at night was largely attended.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

At a practice of 700, 800, and 900 yards on Saturday in boisterous weather the scores were:—Captain Tressider, Lieutenant Hamilton, 87; Private F. M'Gregor, 85; Mr. C. Wilkins, 84; Mr. J. Heane, 83; Staff Col.-sergeant Moore, 80; Mr. P. Soans, 80.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

The prize winners of the September shooting of the Reserve B C. were: C. W. Brown, handicap 8, 113; President Thomas, handicap 4, 113; Secretary Carles, scratch, 110; S. Travers, 107; C. J. Kemp, scratch, 101; Carroll, handicap 12, 94.

AMUSEMENTS.

MME. KELLERMANN'S FAREWELL

After a long and honourable artistic career in Sydney Mme. Charbonnet-Kellermann proposes a concert tour abroad, which will involve a long absence from Australia, and accordingly a well-organised send-off entertainment was accorded her at the Town Hall last night. There was a large attendance, which included the Mayor and Lady Harris and Miss Harris, and there was no lack of cordial feeling towards the artiste who was the central figure of the proceedings. Fortunately, the Hon. Edmund Barton, Q.C., M.L.A., was admirably brief in the words with which he supported the handsome address he was called upon to present. Surrounded by various members of the committee and by many pupils past and present, Mme. Charbonnet-Kellermann was informed by Mr. Barton that the address he was about to hand her was as well worded that it relieved him of the necessity of making any set speech. (Cheers.) He was sure that all present would endorse the sentiments it expressed, and that not only the whole city but the whole colony was with him in his desire to do honour to the most kind, the most cultivated, and the most charitable of artists, their friend Mme. Charbonnet-Kellermann. (Applause.) The address in question, which Mr. Barton then read aloud, was signed by the Premier (Hon. W. J. Lene) and Minnsty, the Right Hon. G. H. Reid, and by a great number of public men and prominent artists. It acknowledged Madame Kellermann's "inestimable services in the domain of music, art, and charity," her good work as a "conscientious preceptress" and as president of the Australian Musical Association, and her talents as a pianist, and closed with these words:—"In wishing you bon voyage we sincerely trust that health, happiness, and prosperity may be your lot wherever you go, and we bid you remember that a hearty welcome awaits you whenever you return to our shores. We wish you in the fullest sense of the word 'Goodbye.'" In response Mme. Charbonnet-Kellermann expressed her gratitude and affection to all concerned, and devoted herself to a kindly eulogy upon "our dear Australia and the achievements of its gifted children—with special reference to Miss Maud MacCarthy. The speaker closed with the observation that "to Australia, her adopted country, she would concentrate all her future success," and called for "three cheers for Australia." The audience was not in effervescent mood, however, and it was not until Mr. E. Lewis Scott (hon. secretary) called for "three cheers for Mme. Kellermann" that the applause was hearty. Mr. E. Lewis Scott then recited some original verses of a humorous character, beginning "Good-bye, Madame Kellermann," to which comic illustrations were supplied on the piano by Mr. Sykes.

In spite of the length of the programme it was faithfully rendered, with the exception of the final number—a "Hungarische Fantaisie" (Liszt), against which Mdme. Kellermann's name appeared. The French pianist played Liszt's "2nd Rhapsody" with all her accustomed brilliancy, and after several enthusiastic recalls added as an encore, with spell-binding art, the musical effect Godard's "Mazurka No. 4." Probably the most interesting number on the programme was the "Prayer and Rondo," from Hertz's Concerto, in which a rich and effective ensemble was achieved with Mme. Kellermann as pianist, Mr. Wiegand at the grand organ, Mr. H. Freeman on cornet played by Mr. J. Edward Sykes at a second piano, and a vocal quintet, consisting of Mme. Helen Rose, Miss Percival, Mr. A. R. Richards, and Mr. N. J. Gehde. The hymn-like theme of the prayer was tenderly expressed on the reed stops of the organ, whilst a sparkling accompaniment to the pianoforte in the musical effort to get a dental bill passed into law, and to bring the members of the profession into close unity of fellowship. A good dentist who loved his profession must be artistic, and a good mechanic. In the near future it would not be considered necessary for a student to complete his education in England and America. They must train men in their own schools. Forty or 50 years ago ivory, bone, and gold, and natural teeth were the principal material used for artificial dentures. This most beautiful part of the art had to be abandoned on account of its non-durability and expense, as set of teeth, upper and lower, averaging from 50 to 80 guineas. Vulcanite then began its existence. At first there were many failures on account of the difficulty of obtaining proper rubber, and also good artificial teeth. The first thing to be accomplished was the passing of a medical and dental bill through Parliament. The two branches should join together in pushing forward this most important measure, for when passed it would oblige everyone entering the profession to possess the diploma of the L.D.S., or the full medical or dental qualifications, before he would be entitled to practise as a dental surgeon. It was thought the dental bill would probably be passed by Parliament during this session, and thus enable students to qualify for dentistry within the colony. This being so, it would be necessary to establish a Dental Chair in connection with the medical school. All medical colleges in England encouraged dental students in their schools. This bill on becoming law would give to every student who passed the University examinations his diploma, and so clearly define his professional status. He thought they should at once present a petition to Parliament signed by all doctors and dentists anxious to see this important measure accomplished fact. The members of the Odontological Society of England numbered over 400, of whom 350 were members of the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians, all of whom were practising as dentists. There were hundreds of other dentists who were not members of the O.L. Society, but were members of the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians of England.

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PUBLIC REVENUE.

Comparative Statement of Revenue and Receipts on account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Government of New South Wales during the quarter ended September 30, 1898, and the quarter ended September 30, 1899, respectively, showing the increase or decrease under each head thereof:—

Heads of Revenue.	Quarter ended Sept. 30, 1898.	Quarter ended Sept. 30, 1899.	Decrease.	Increase.
Revenue Proper. Taxation: Customs:				
Spirits	£197,092	£191,198	£5,894	
Wine	6,067	5,850	205	
Ale and Beer	11,984	12,902		918
Tobacco and Cigars	75,505	77,218		1,619
Tea		19,557		19,557
Sugar and Molasses	38,490	35,690	2,734	
Opium	4,307	4,276		69
Dried Fruits	10,815	15,791		4,976
Specific Duty	5,408	2,727	2,741	
Bonded Warehouses	1,601	1,726		29
Rent of Goods in Queen's Warehouses, &c.	5	4	1	
	£351,343	£366,936		£15,593
Excise: Duty on Beer brewed in colony	£30,496	£31,847		£350
Duty on Spirits distilled in the colony	812	1,511		898
Duty on Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	41,340	45,342		4,002
Tobacco Factory License Fees	210	231		21
	£72,858	£77,932		£5,272
Stamps	£108,367	£92,735	£15,632	
Land Tax	£10,417	£19,145		£8,732
Income Tax	£9,801	£13,576		£3,815
Licenses	£16,448	£18,620	£622	
Total Taxation	£569,080	£575,553		£6,539
Land Revenue: Sales	£138,294	£142,955		£4,660
Interest on Land Conditionally Purchased	£4,788	£4,917		£149
Pastoral Occupation	£322,772	£302,745	£20,026	
Mining Occupation	£7,942	£24,779		£16,836
Miscellaneous Land Receipts	£17,342	£18,895		£1,552
Total, Land Revenue	£491,100	£494,293		£3,193
Railway Receipts	£704,440	£686,853	£17,587	
Post Office—Postage	£131,846	£136,034		£4,187
Telegraph Receipts	30,934	46,973		2,039
Telephones	11,737	14,729		
Commission on Money Orders	3,716	3,807		90
Postal Notes				
Poundage	2,037	2,022		195
Mint Receipts	£3,584	£3,801		£217
Fees for Escort and Conveyance of Gold	£251	£230	£20	
Pilotage, Harbour, and Light Rates and Fees	£12,623	£12,089	£534	
Registration of Brands	£169	£202		£33
Public School Fees	£15,071	£16,387		£1,315
Metropolitan Water Rates	£36,538	£41,651		£5,113
Metropolitan Sewerage Rates	£18,291	£18,850		£558
Hunter District Water Rates	£5,749	£6,701		£952
Agricultural Colleges	£1,017	£1,126		£108
Fees of Office	£20,498	£21,638		£1,140
Total Receipts for Services Rendered	£1,104,709	£1,118,731		£8,932
General Miscellaneous Receipts—				
Rents—Exclusive of Land.	£17,418	£16,084	£734	
Fines and Forfeitures	£3,460	£3,441	£18	
Country Towns Water Supply Works—Repayments	£1,236		£1,236	
Country Towns Water Supply Works—Interest	£1,713	£3,077		£1,363
Water Rights Receipts	£62	£40	£22	
Church and Schools Land Act, 1897	£1,938	£1,829	£108	
Unclassified Receipts	£35,323	£30,137	£5,186	
Total, General Miscellaneous Receipts	£61,151	£55,209	£5,943	
Total, Decreases and Increases			£101,398	£110,240
Total, Consolidated Revenue Fund	£2,226,140	£2,243,982		£17,841

Quarter's expenditure, £7,837,113, including £7,555,140 chargeable to revenue 1899-1900.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN VICTORIA.

A Royal Commission was appointed in Victoria a little time since to inquire into the subject of technical education. The commissioners are now making an investigation into the subject in New South Wales. The members are Mr. T. Pink, M.L.A. (president), Dr. MacFarland (master of Ormond College), Mr. H. W. Potts, F.C.S. (Government Dairy Expert), Mr. H. C. Jenkins, A.R.S.M., Mr. C. R. Long, M.A. (Education Department), Mr. J. G. Barrett (secretary of the Trades' Hall), Mr. F. W. Poolman (Chamber of Manufactures), and Mr. W. J. Skowes (secretary). A section of the commission paid a visit to Brisbane, and made an examination of the technical and agricultural schools there. They returned to Sydney on Saturday last, and were joined by the other members of the commission, who arrived from Melbourne. On Monday the members visited Newcastle, and Mr. Jenkins is staying behind an extra day in order to look into mining matters. On Tuesday a visit was paid to the Kindergarten School at Newtown, and the commissioners state that they were very much impressed with the very valuable work carried on there by Mrs. Daine. A visit was also paid to the mining school at the Sydney University, where the evidence was taken of Professor Liversidge and Professor David. This particular inquiry was in relation to the proposal in Victoria for the affiliation of the mining schools there with the University of Melbourne. The evening was spent at the Technical College at Ultimo. Yesterday a visit was paid to the Fort-street Training School, special attention being given to the manual training and cookery classes. In the afternoon the Clyde Works were inspected, and to-day a trip will be made to the Hawkesbury Agricultural College. The commissioners remain in the colony for another week.

REGULATION OF STREET TRAFFIC.

The adjourned conference of municipal council representatives for the purpose of dealing with the question of the regulation of the vehicle traffic within the police district of Sydney was held at the Council Chambers, Paddington, last evening. The Mayor of Paddington (Mr. T. J. West) presided. The Vialoux (acting secretary) read apologies for absence from Alderman J. M. Purves (Mayor of North Sydney), Alderman Clark (Mayor of Marrickville), and Alderman I. R. Cohen (Annandale). Correspondence was read from the municipal councils of Waterloo, Camperdown, Petersham, Drummoyne, Petersham, Glebe, Woollahra, and Redfern, the majority favouring the proposals of the conference as submitted. The letters were received on the motion of Alderman A. Walker. Alderman G. George said he regretted the smallness of the attendance present. The conference began with a representation from about 35 councils and, after various meeting and an expenditure of funds, they had before them something like eight municipal councils mainly agreeing to the proposals of former meetings of the conference as distributed.

After further discussion the conference was adjourned for two months.

PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP CLUB.

A meeting was held on Tuesday evening for the purpose of incorporating the above club. Amongst those present were the Rev. J. Kemp-Bruce (in the chair), Rev. Dr. MacInnes, Rev. Dr. M'Kay Barnett, Messrs. Joseph Annand, S. L. Cole, R. Atkinson, George A. Park, L. T. Evans, R. Sproule, and Miss M'Intosh. Apologies for absence were received from the Revs. W. M. Dill Macky (Moderator of the Assembly), Dr. Kinross, and C. A. White. Messrs. W. Wood (financial secretary), W. B. Gibson, C. Wynne, and A. Toby. The promoters reported 50 members on the roll, and that rooms had been taken at 121 Pitt-street. The report was received. A provisional committee was appointed to draw up a constitution, and to report to a subsequent meeting. The Moderator was appointed convener, and Mr. George A. Park interim secretary. A vote of thanks to the promoters closed the business.

ODONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The first ordinary meeting of the above society was held at the Medical Association's rooms on September 11, and was largely attended. The chair was taken by the president, Mr. E. Reading. There were present by invitation several leading members of the medical profession, including Professor Anderson Stuart, Dr. J. Graham, M.L.A., Dr. Crago, &c. Apologies were received from Mr. Arthur Hoswick, Dr. MacLaurin, M.L.C., Dr. Thring, and Mr. Trickett, M.L.C., who expressed their best wishes for the success of the society.

The rules and bylaws passed at the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The president (Mr. E. Reading) then delivered his inaugural address, the subject being the progress of dentistry from the earliest times to the present. In the course of his remarks the president stated that the objects of the society were twofold—to strengthen the hands of the members of the profession in the mutual effort to get a dental bill passed into law, and to bring the members of the profession into close unity of fellowship. A good dentist who loved his profession must be artistic, and a good mechanic. In the near future it would not be considered necessary for a student to complete his education in England and America. They must train men in their own schools. Forty or 50 years ago ivory, bone, and gold, and natural teeth were the principal material used for artificial dentures. This most beautiful part of the art had to be abandoned on account of its non-durability and expense, as set of teeth, upper and lower, averaging from 50 to 80 guineas. Vulcanite then began its existence. At first there were many failures on account of the difficulty of obtaining proper rubber, and also good artificial teeth. The first thing to be accomplished was the passing of a medical and dental bill through Parliament. The two branches should join together in pushing forward this most important measure, for when passed it would oblige everyone entering the profession to possess the diploma of the L.D.S., or the full medical or dental qualifications, before he would be entitled to practise as a dental surgeon. It was thought the dental bill would probably be passed by Parliament during this session, and thus enable students to qualify for dentistry within the colony. This being so, it would be necessary to establish a Dental Chair in connection with the medical school. All medical colleges in England encouraged dental students in their schools. This bill on becoming law would give to every student who passed the University examinations his diploma, and so clearly define his professional status. He thought they should at once present a petition to Parliament signed by all doctors and dentists anxious to see this important measure accomplished fact. The members of the Odontological Society of England numbered over 400, of whom 350 were members of the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians, all of whom were practising as dentists. There were hundreds of other dentists who were not members of the O.L. Society, but were members of the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians of England.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Brighton to-day, the first event starting at 2.45 p.m. Supplementary to the ordinary railway service a special train will leave Redfern Station for Rockdale at 1.55 p.m.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Kensington on Wednesday next. Entries for the different events close with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, before 5 p.m. to-morrow. The programme will be found in the advertising portion of the paper.

The racehorses Gaulois, Alemene, Australian Star, Voyou, April Fool, and Bobbie Burns left last night by mail train to fulfil their Victorian spring engagements.

At the Russley stud Lydia, by Robinson Crusoe from Shadow (granddam of Jean, Mona II., &c.), by Maribyrnong, has dropped a fine colt foal by Favor (imp.), by Favo from Rossdhue by Barcaldine.

The chestnut mare Monashme was so badly cut on one of the hind legs in the Shorts Handicap, which she won at Canterbury Park on Saturday, that it has been found advisable to send her to Windsor for a long spell.

A cable from Auckland dated yesterday states that the principal event on the second day of the Spring Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, the Hawkes Bay Spring Handicap, was won by Major F. N. George's Seahorse, by Nelson from Moonga. Three other horses ran a dead heat for second place. The time was 2 minutes 36 1-5 seconds for the mile and a half. On the first day of the meeting Seahorse won The Guinea, and is evidently a good three-year-old.

VICTORIAN SPORTING.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Both Dewey and Mora advanced to-day in the quotations for the Caulfield Cup. Dewey is now a strong favourite at 100 to 8, while 100 to 7 is the best price against Mora or Egypt.

In connection with next Saturday's V.R.C. races Hailevcron has been scratched for the Paddock Handicap and Fleet Admiral for the Hand Handicap.

For the V.A.T.C. Spring Meeting De Wilton has been taken out of the Toorak Handicap, and St. Clare out of the Guineas.

The two-year-old filly Tiefoli and the jumper Sappie Jack, engaged in the V.A.T.C. and Australian Hunters' Cup, have arrived from Adelaide. Gaullo, Security, Gunga Din, and Bruce Lowe also arrived from Adelaide to-day.

Messrs. S. F. Reynolds and J. Gove left for India by the Umta early this morning. Mr. Reynolds took 130 horses with him, including 100 remounts for the Indian Government, 24 racing or polo ponies, and the racehorses De Wilton and Wizard. Gove took 11 horses to fulfil private orders at Calcutta. The

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

There was rather more life in the Stock and Share market to-day, with however but little movement in prices. Government bonds were steady at late quotations. In banks, New South Wales advanced ¼, selling at 40¾, and Union were in demand at 36½; a sale of Commercial of Australia preferred being reported at £6 8s 6d. Inscribed stock deposits of the Australian Joint Stock Bank were quitted at the reduced price of 10s, "A" deposits being steady at 14s. Steam and insurance were unaltered. Australian Gaslight, which had been weak for several days, were sold at the lower price of £17 9s. Breweries were unaltered. In the miscellaneous list, Colonial Sugar dropped to 37. Silverton Trams were sold at the advanced price of 93s 6d, Intercolonial Building being quitted at the previous price.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—At 1 o'clock: Silverton Tramway, 93s 6d; Intercolonial Building, 13s. Later: Commercial Bank of Australia, pref., £6 8s 6d; A.J.S. Bank inscribed deposits, 10s. At 4 o'clock: Bank of New South Wales, 40¾; A.J.S. Bank "A" deposits, 14s; Australian Gaslight, £17 9s; Colonial Sugar, 37. Later: London Bank of Australia preference, 10¼. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices.	
					Buyer.	Seller.
F.STOCK, &c.	£	£	£	p.c.		
N.S.W. 3						
c., 1902	2,540,850		4	108	107	109
De. Act, 1873	830,185		4	117½		
De., 3½ c.	3,293,622		3½	99¾	99¾	
Do. Deb. 1902	299,700		5	103½	103¾	
Do. 3½ c., 1901	374,900		3½	100¾		
N.Z. D., 1903	300,000		4	106	106	
Qland D., 1913	...		4	107	108	
Colonial Sugar						
., 1910—			5	115	112	
Chillan ef bef						
cent. Deb.,						
£25 certs to	...				80	
BANKS.						
Aust. J. S.	1,167,202	10	7½		1.0	
Australasia	1,000,000	40	40		60	63
City	240,000	10	8	4	72 6	73 6
New Zeala	160,000	10	8	4	72 6	72 6
Com. of A. pref.	2,117,070	10	10	7	6 8 6	6 9
Com. of Sydi.	1,000,000	25	12½	8	25 6	25½
N.S. Wales	1,950,000	20	20	9	40¾	40¾
Royal of Q.	398,650	75	25	6	51½	52½
Union	153,000	18	18	6	36½	
Jones, D'Ic.	50,000	1	1	8		
Ditto	50,000	1	10	8	11	
Malting Co.	3,000	1	1			
Milne	9,450	1	1		8 9	11 6
Meib Trams	480,000	10	8	4	13 6	13 6
Mont Je Piete	72,983	1	1	7	23 9	25
Ditto New	73,500	1	1	10	23 9	
Perm. Trustee	50,000	25	5	2½	2 2	2 4
Perpet Trust.	25,000	10	5	7	9	9
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1			
Australia	30,000	1	1	6	21	30
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	4	10 6	10
Shale and Oil	40,000	1	15		3	3 6
Silvert. Trams	192,500	1	1	4½	93 6	93 6
Syd. Exchange	30,000	10	10	7	15	14
Syd. Hydraulic	100,000	10	10	2½	38	39 6
Ditto etc.	37,500	1	10			25
New York and N. Zeal.	15,000	1	1	10	22 3	22 6
Vic. L. Orders						
LAND & BD						
Haymark'T.			15	3		
Fed. B. Dep.						
Indust. Freh.	64,735	20	20	6	20	
Inbestm'n & Agency	33,304	1	15	7	17	12 6
Investor Dep					7 6	7 6
Aus. Mut. Dep						7½
Ditto, Ord.					10	
Ky. Fr. Land						6 6
Newchin & L						

* Where dividends are interim the yield is base d on year's distribution; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

Most of the movements of the Bank of England minimum rate of interest are made at the time of the weekly return. But the exigencies of South African affairs had so accentuated the monetary situation, otherwise kept at tension by possible Continental and American demands more perhaps than by extra British requirements of capital, that the directors have found it necessary to raise the bank rate before the publication of the return from 3½ to 4½ per cent. Our advice received in the city yesterday that the market rate had risen ½ per cent., to 4¼ per cent., foreshadowed the advance in the bank rate, the announcement of which came at an early hour this morning. The action of the directors would be quickened by the special conditions of the market, which were evidently considered so important as to warrant a rise not of ¼, but of 1 per cent. As mentioned in our yesterday's article, the rate was raised from 3 to 3½ per cent. on July 12, and although a higher rate was current at Berlin, it was found to be quite sufficient to add to the bank's stock of gold in eleven weeks three and a half millions sterling, the increase having been from £32,220,000 to £35,714,000. the amount shown by the weekly return on September 20. A reduction to £34,592,000 last week was a little ominous, though being the turn of the quarter its significance was lessened by the possibility that it represented local demands that might be adjusted without disturbance of the rate within a week or two—a not uncommon occurrence at the end of the quarter. However, the later withdrawals of gold for South Africa, consequent on the run on the banks at Pretoria, the conviction that war is imminent, and the further drop of consols, reducing the price to 102¾, or a fall of 6¼ since the beginning of June, all proclaim such a demand for money as to compel the prompt movement of the rate to a figure that will protect the reserve, which in all the circumstances is by no means too strong.

In consequence of the advance in the Bank of England rate by 1 per cent. to 4½ per cent. the banks in Sydney have adopted the following rates of exchange on London, to come into operation forthwith:—

	Buying.	Selling.
On demand	7s 6d disc.	17s 6d prem'm
30 days' sight	10s disc.	12s 6d prem'm
60 days' sight	12s 6d disc.	7s6d premium
90 days' sight	20s disc.	5s premium
120 days' sight	27s 6d disc.	

The variations from the rates charged from Tuesday last are 5s in buying and 2s 6d in selling.

The chief point at which the disturbance in the London money market may be said to have prejudicially affected the colonies is the fall in Australasian mining shares. But this after all is only a book loss, so far as the real interests are concerned. The mines contain as much gold as ever they did; but speculative proprietors who hold them with borrowed money, or others who are afraid, have thrown the shares on the market in excess of the demand, usually reduced at such times, with of course the consequent slump in prices. Whether the prices of these stocks had been pushed too high, of course it is impossible to say, as it is equally so to tell whether the reduced quotations *more nearly* represent the actual value. But as we have said, the intrinsic value of the mines is just what it was a week back. Meantime the settlement of monetary conditions is a prerequisite to a knowledge of the market values, and the situation affords abundant room for the operations of speculators, being just such a one as that in which plenty of money is made or lost.

The tightness of the money market in London *has made itself felt* in the cases of Australasian bank and other securities, since our cable news advises a fall of 1¼ in Bank of Australasia, Bank of New South Wales, and Bank of New Zealand Government guaranteed stock, 2 in New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent. debentures, and 1 in Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works debentures.

The public revenue for the quarter aggregated £2,243,987. The expenditure totalled £2,637,113, including £2,555,140 chargeable to the revenue of 1899-1900. The proceeds of loans received during the quarter aggregated £108,344, and there was repaid to the credit of loan funds £32,470. The disbursements from the loan account amounted to £473,500, inclusive of £6100, the sum for debentures which matured in January, 1899.

The total cash balances at the credit of the Government on September 30 amounted to £1,214,230, including £429,029 on Sydney account and £785,220 as brought to account in London, the amount of securities aggregating £5,706,325.

The *Fazilka* has the following cargo for Australian ports:—For Sydney: 820 bales of woolpacks, 1882 bales corsesacks, 187 bales branbags, 167 bales orebags. For Melbourne: 937 bales woolpacks, 2411 bales corsesacks, 41 bales branbags, 20 bales orebags. For Adelaide: 410 bales woolpacks, 519 bales cornsacks, 115 bales branbags, and 85 bales orebags; as well as shipments for other ports, including 1407 bales of woolpacks for New Zealand.

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BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat ruled firm at 2s 11d, with some holders asking 3s, though no actual sales have been reported at the last named figure. There is a general disposition to hold off and await developments, though the somewhat better inquiry for flour is a promising feature. Country millers show no inclination to look ahead, and city millers are also acting cautiously. Prices are nominally still up to £7 for best roller flour, with some millers asking £7 5s. Some country brands can be had in small parcels at lower rates.

The imports of wheat and flour at the port of Sydney during September were rather heavier than during August, though much below earlier months. Victoria contributed most wheat, less quantities coming forward from New Zealand and Tasmania. More flour was received from America than from any other place. The actual figures up to date this year are:—

	Wheat.	Flour.
	Bags.	Bags.
January	26,276	54,264
February	24,538	31,547
March	22,766	48,100
April	15,678	23,181
May	28,842	24,151
June	22,821	27,995
July	21,930	29,128
August	15,591	24,992
September	14,922	29,402

The imports of wheat during September were derived from the following sources:—Victoria, 6853 bags; New Zealand, 5420 bags; and Tasmania, 2637 bags. The imports of flour during the same period were as follows:—From America, 9270 bags; from Victoria, 1810 bags; from New Zealand, 1355 bags; from South Australia, 4506 bags; from Tasmania, 3534 bags; and from Queensland, 114 bars.

The Collector of Customs gives the imports of wheat for the week ending September 30 at 8926 bushels, and the exports at 2196. The imports of flour for the same week were 183 tons, and the exports 373 tons. Taken together this leaves the net export of the equivalent of 2770 bushels of wheat for the week.

A considerable shrinkage has taken place in the shipments of wheat and flour afloat for Europe, according to our cable message to-night. This is an unusual feature at this time of the year.

Messrs. John Darling and Son report from Adelaide on October 2 as follows:—

Market on the spot is firm, with a fairly good inquiry, and as an improvement has taken place in European markets, quotations have improved here. Shippers will ask 3s 0½d. Flour is unaltered, with a good inquiry at £11 10s to £12, and white rice at £8 10s to £9, a concession being refused for a line of 30 tons. Sagos and tapiocas were fairly active at £15 for *seed*, £15 10s for *medium pearl*, and £16 for flaked. About 12 tons of Manilla hemp-named descriptions was placed. Peppers remained very firm in the producing centre, whole white being unobtainable on spot below 9½d or whole black below 6¾d. Canary seed was cabled a shade lower from London, holders on spot asking rates ranging from £15 10s to £16. Hemp seed was moved off at £21. Linseed at £11 10s, and raps seed at £13 10s. Coffees had very little inquiry at 13¼ to 13½d for Ceylon Plantation, and 11d down to 8d for Americus, one ton of medium American selling at 10½d. Nutmegs have not yet responded to the rise in the market of supply, some holders offering down to 1s 8½d. Mace sold at 1s 9d to 2s, according to sample; cloves at 8d; and pimento at 5½d.

Liquors.—A steady inquiry was experienced. Hennessy's brandy remained at 34s 9d to 35s for one-star and 47s to 48s 3d for three-star. Key gin sold at 10s 9d for 15-bottle and 11s 6d for 16's. Lowndes's rum ruled very firm, with concentrated stocks at 3s 3d to 3s 4d. Lemon Hart's rum was in short supply on spot, having met with a very good sale at the advanced rates, viz., 3s for quarters and 3s 3d for octaves. 100 cases of Barrett's old tom sold at 11s 9d and 50 cases of J.D.K.Z. geneva at 11s 10d in bond. Sir John Power's Three Swallow whisky changed hands freely. John Dunn's and Ainslie's whiskies were sought after, some of the better qualities going more freely into consumption. 100 cases of Johnson's stout changed hands at 7s 9d. M'Millan's ale was out of stock on spot.

Brewers' Goods.—Now that the brewing season is approaching this department saw more activity. Such lines as isinglass, brewers' sugar, flaked rice, and malt were all in better request. The cheaper qualities of English malt were quoted at about 6s 4½d or 6s 3d for big lines, with the better qualities at anything up to 7s, according to sample. Tasmanian hops were firm at 1s 1d, and New Zealand at about 11d. Old Californians were quoted at 9½d, there being no new available yet. The English hops crop was being picked early in September, and promised to be one of the finest that had been produced in recent years. The advent of rain ensures the full development of the hops in the later districts, so that the quantity as well as quality should prove satisfactory. On the week following the departure of the last mail samples were expected to be shown. It is expected that new Kents will be available at from 1s 2d up to, say, 1s 4d, with inferior grades at lower rates. Several indents were taken for Clayton and Jowett's brewers' requisites.

Metallic Lines.—Yesterday's and to-day's operations resulted in about 100 tons of No. 8 galvanised wire being concentrated at up to £12. Holders now look for an advance. No. 10 has so far been neglected, and it is quoted at about the same price as No. 8. Barbed wire met with more inquiry, the market now being quoted at £12 15s, with some country business carried through at £13. Private cables state that the London tinplate market has a firmer tendency. Private advices from London, dated September 1, state that galvanised sheet manufacturers were booked full up to the end of the year, and could not make any offer that would be likely to be accepted. The cheapest sellers were the Staffordshire makers of iron sheets, who, finding themselves short of orders for South Africa, were disposed to take under the market price. There had been a considerable fall in spelter and some fall in pig iron from the highest point. Everything thus pointed towards easier prices for galvanised sheets when present contracts had been worked off.

Jute Goods.—Cornsacks were decidedly firmer to-day. 50 bales for September and 50 bales for October shipment from Calcutta changed hands at 6s 4d, and later 3s 4¼d was refused, the market closing firm at 5s 9d. 20 bales of branbags moved off at 3s 6d, and 20 bales of 12lb. loose-end woolpacks at 2s 1d.

A private letter from Calcutta, under date September 9, says:—"Prices are now tending upwards, and everyone expects that they will go still higher if we break out in the Transvaal."

The *Fazilka* has the following cargo for Australian ports:—For Sydney: 820 bales of woolpacks, 1882 bales corsesacks, 187 bales branbags, 167 bales orebags. For Melbourne: 937 bales woolpacks, 2411 bales corsesacks, 41 bales branbags, 20 bales orebags. For Adelaide: 410 bales woolpacks, 519 bales cornsacks, 115 bales branbags, and 85 bales orebags; as well as shipments for other ports, including 1407 bales of woolpacks for New Zealand.

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EXPORT MARKET.

Tallow Shipments.—The following is a tabulated statement of the quantities of tallow shipped from Australasian ports to Europe to date during the past five years as compiled by the Associated Woolbrokers:—

	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
January	6,760	5,120	5,951	1,841	3,275
February	7,759	3,601	3,991	1,961	3,937
March	7,156	4,636	7,946	4,498	3,846
April	4,810	3,460	3,888	3,067	3,616
May	3,150	3,933	3,838	2,628	2,529
June	6,756	4,629	3,905	4,689	5,321
July	4,274	1,663	2,850	1,559	2,446
August	7,650	3,849	4,540	4,845	5,726
September	4,200	3,913	4,327	1,767	3,187
Totals	60,211	34,614	42,564	28,942	34,697

The increased shipments this year as compared with 1898 are finding a much more profitable market in London than for some considerable time past. The statistical position of tallow in London has vastly improved during the past month, the stocks having decreased by over 3000 casks owing to imports being less than deliveries. Compared with the same date in previous years stocks are light indeed. The following comparison may be of use:—

	Imports. Casks.	Deliveries. Casks.	Stocks. Casks.
March 31	4,914	8,230	17,430
April 30	2,205	3,776	17,016
May 31	5,713	2,842	17,016
June 30	4,584	4,605	17,507
July 31	2,854	3,786	21,575
August 31	4,217	2,570	19,072
September 30	5,415	8,537	15,070
Sept. 30, 1898	5,870	5,243	26,985
Sept. 30, 1897	8,911	10,035	40,157
Sept. 30, 1896	6,229	14,392	58,490

Wool.—Receipts at Darling Harbour to-day: 3746 bales of wool were examined to arrive, 463 bales were received overland, 625 bales came forward by rail at Newcastle on Tuesday last.

Butter Statistics.—From the Collector of Customs we have received the following return, showing the imports and exports of butter for the port of Sydney during the week ended September 30, 1899:—Imports: Butter, 952lb.; exports, 215,376lb.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

BANK SHARES, &c.

Bank of Australasia, 1½ lower at 63¾.
Bank of New South Wales, 1½ lower at 41½.
Union Bank of Australia, 1 lower at 33½.
National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged, 2½.
Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, 1½ lower at 101.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, 1 lower at 105.
City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 107.
Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, unchanged at 104.
Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged at 111.
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent. prior lien deb. stock 2 lower at 93.
M'Cracken's Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, 2 lower at 69.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

	Sept. 19, 1899.	Sept. 26, 1899.	Oct. 3, 1899.
Afloat—	Quarters.	Quarters.	Quarters.
For United Kingdom	2,060,000	1,985,000	1,890,000
For Continent	1,280,000	1,865,000	1,280,000
Total ...	3,340,000	3,850,000	3,175,000

TIN STATISTICS.

	Sept. 30, 1898.	Aug. 31, 1899.	Sept. 30, 1899.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
England and Holland—			
Stock*	25,791	19,547	20,165
Deliveries	2,334	2,947	1,798
Straits and Australia—			
Afloat	1,738	2,388	3,019
Spot and Landing	9,005	4,580	4,179

* Including stocks in America and afloat.

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	Casks.	Casks.	Casks.
Imports	5,870	4,217	5,415
Deliveries	5,243	7,530	8,017
Stock	29,260	18,272	15,070

COPPER STATISTICS.

	Sept. 30, 1898.	Aug. 31, 1899.	Sept. 30, 1899.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
England and France—			
Supplies ...	20,687	17,965	18,573
Deliveries ...	21,471	19,593	22,634
Stock* ...	27,583	32,289	18,328
Afloat from Australia ...	1,900	3,000	2,700

* Including quantity afloat from Chili and Australia.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The wheat market is firm. A sale of 1500 bags at 2s 11½d on the trucks at Port Adelaide is reported. Shippers will give up to 3s afloat, but holders are asking 3s 0½d. Flour is unaltered, with a good demand at £9 15s to £7. Bran and pollard, 9d to 9½d. Chaff £2 5s to £2 10s per ton.

Wheat was firm to-day. Buyers are prepared to give 3s afloat, and on the basis business is proceeding. The Gulf of Siam cleared to-day with 380 tons of breadstuffs. Flour is unaltered, with good trade at £6 15s to £7. Bran and pollard, home trade at 9d to 9½d. Chaff unchanged.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Tasmanian Woolgrowers, buyer 59s; Derwent and Tamar Insurance, buyer 26s 6d, seller 28s; Mutual Insurance, buyer 26s, seller 28s 3d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

On the Stock Exchange Victorian 4 per cent. sold at £111 10s; Metropolitan Board of Works 4½ per cent., 1906, £105; ditto, 3½ per cent., 1927, £100; Colonial Bank preference, £7 2s; Commercial Bank ordinary, 28s 6d; ditto, preference, £6 7s, £6 8s; London Bank preference, £10 3s; Victoria preferential, £11 16s, £11 17s; English Scottish Bank, preferential, inscribed 3 per cent. stock, 11s 6d, ditto debentures 17s 6d, ditto terminable debentures, 19s 9d; London Bank, D.R., 23s 2d; Metropolitan Gas, £8; National Trustees, 10s 6d; Emu Bay Railway, small lot, 8s 6d; Melbourne Trams, 14s, 13s 10½d; Silverton Tram, 94s 6d.

Sales of wheat were made early at 3s 1d and later at 3s 1½d, but other offers at 3s 1½d failed to bring out sellers. Flour, £7; small lots, £7 5s; bran, 9d to 9½d; pollard, 9d to 9½d. Algerian oats firm at 1s 7d to 1s 9½d; maize, 2s 6½d to 2s 7d. Prime wheaten chaff, 47s 6d to 48s 9d; oaten up to 45s. Potatoes, firm, prime 27s 6d; extra prime, 30s. Onions, dull, at £5 to £4. Sales of tea cover 100 chests Ceylon at 7d to 9d; 25 half-chests Ceylon fannings; 50 half-chests Kooloo, 7d. A fair business was done in currants at 5½d for cases, and 5¾d for half-cases. New sultanas, of good average quality, sold at 7½d to arrive. 150 cases sardines, quarters, sold at 2s 9d to 3s. Red herrings had good demand with fair sales. A fair business was done in good sulphur at £8 10s to £9. Good parcels New Zealand sheep tongues sold at 14s. There has been some inquiry for large parcels of cornsacks for November-December delivery; ordinary lots fetch 5s 5d; forward woolpacks, 1s 9½; branbags, 3s 6¼d to 3s 7d. 250 boxes I.C. coke templates sold at 18s, small lots. Kerosene, 9½d. A fair parcel sold at 9d. Factory butter strong at 92s to 101s; extra choice, 104s. Eggs, 6d to 6¼d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

EDEN, Wednesday.

The steamer Bega took this morning, for Sydney, 211 bags wattle-bark, 30 boxes butter, 5 bales wool, 10 bales sheepskins, 32 hides, and sundries.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Paroo sailed to-day for Sydney with 400 cases sugar, 53 sacks oatmeal, 1821 bags chaff, 535 bags wheat, 320 bags flour, 66 bags onions, 604 bales chaff.

The Loura sailed to-day for Sydney with 300 bags flour, 10 sacks oatmeal, 38 sheets tea, 10 cases jams, and a quantity of produce.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The Kallatina left at 2 p.m. with 670 bags maize, 24 bags bottles, 19 bags peas, 4 bags pumpkins, 250 bags potatoes, 280 cases butter, 280 cases eggs, 10 cases fish, 1 bundle skins, 1 bale wool, 5 calves, 3 sacks tallow, 19 coops poultry, 3 horses, 130 hides, 3 cases molasses, 10 logs pine, 78 pigs, 100 sides bacon, 1400 sacks sugar, sundries.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Wednesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

A fair volume of business was transacted in general produce to-day. The markets were less buoyant in tone, the activity of yesterday having been followed by quietness. The markets were well supplied with nearly all descriptions of produce. Oats were a trifle firmer, onions being weaker. Maize had good steady sale, the market being unchanged. Oats were again dearer, sales of best samples being reported at 1s 10d. Prime Tasmanian made 1s 9d without much difficulty. Other grain lines had a little attention at the prices quoted. A good turnover was done in bran and pollard, each being rather scarce and firm at 9d per bushel. Chaff continued in brisk demand, so much so that stocks on the wharfs are lighter than they have been for a long time. Private telegrams received from Melbourne this morning stated that the market over there was improving. Shipments would be light all the week. Some holders were even instructed not to force sales. Real prime green chaff on the spot is scarce and readily saleable at £3 10s. Lucerne was in good demand, but owing to the quality being not first-class about 65s was the top price realised on the wharfs and at auction to-day. At auction new green hay in trusses sold well up to £3 per ton. Potatoes were in fair request and not too plentiful. The market was bare of New Zealand Derwents, a shipment of which is due to-day. Holders expect to realise higher prices for the fresh supplies. Onions were plentiful and in slack demand at lower rates. Turnips had good sale at yesterday's closing rates. The market for dairy produce had a somewhat quiet tone to-day, but nevertheless a good deal of business was passing in some lines. Butter had ready sale, supplies being replenished by the arrival of the river boats. Bacon was quiet. A few small export orders, however, were executed to-day for Western Australia. Eggs had good sale, but owing to the large quantities coming forward daily some holders were compelled to accept slightly lower rates for preserving lines in order to effect sales. New-laid eggs were less plentiful and in brisk demand, especially duck eggs. Cheese had slightly improved sale, but other lines of poultry and game were in fair request, the inquiry for which is far from satisfactory. Inferior and spongy cheese was hard to sell at low prices. Honey had a fair demand at late rates. Poultry continued to command ready sale at quotations.

Wholesale quotations were as follows:—

FEED-GRAINS MARKET.

Oats.—Seed, prime 1s 11d to 2s, prime feed 1s 10d medium 1s 8½d to 1s 9d per bushel.

Maize.—Market steady. Prime, 2s 8d; medium, 2s 6d to 2s 8½d per bushel.

Coarse.—Blue, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; grey, 2s 10d to 3s per bushel.

Barley.—Cape, 2s to 2s 3d; feed, 1s 11d to 2s 1d; Tagolin, 2s 3d to 2s 6d per bushel.

Chickweat.—Plentiful. Prime, 2s 6d to 2s 6d per bushel.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 9d; pollard, 9d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime, £4 to £4 5s; medium, £3 to £3 15s; off varieties, to £3; Victorian prime £3 15s per ton.

Chaff.—Imported: Ordinary prime, £3 5s to £3 7s 6d; prime green, £3 10s; medium, £2 17s 6d to £3 2s 6d; inferior to £2 15s per ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime, £3 5s to £3 10s; other qualities, £1 15s to £3 5s. Railway: Prime, £3 5s to £3 15s; medium, £2 15s to £3 2s 6d.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed, local, £1 15s, extra prime to £2 2s 6d; imported, £1 15s; local bundled, £1 15s per ton.

BACON AND HAMS.

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, prime, 6d to 6½d, second-class 5½d; flitches, 5d; middles, 7d to 7½d; mild cured sides, 6d to 6½d; farmers' lots, 6d; Bodalla sides, 6½d; flitches, 6½d; hams, 8d; shoulders, 5d; boneless cloth, 8d; small weights, 8½d; New Zealand, 9d to 9½d; English, 9½d; small weights, 9½d per lb.

Cheese.—Queensland, 4½d to 5d; choice, 4½d; large medium 4d, choice 4½; inferior spongy, 3d to 3½d; New Zealand: large, 4½d to 4¾d; medium, 4¾d to 5d; loaf, 5d to 5½d; Bodalla, 6d per lb.

Eggs.—Plentiful. Good sale. North, preserving lines, 9½d to 10d, trade lots 6d; South, 6d to 6½d; suburban new-laid ducks, 7d; hen eggs, 2d to 2½d per dozen.

Poultry.—Inferior, barely saleable. Boiling fowls, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; prime heavy young sorts, 5s 9d to 4s 3d; English ducks, 4s; Muscovy ducks, 4s; drakes, 4s to 4s 6d, inferior, 2s 6d to 3s; geese, 4s to 4s 6d; goslings, 2s 6d to 3s; guineas, 4s 6d to 5s; prime young, 5s 6d to 6s; turkeys, gobblers, 7s to 10s, extra choice heavy 11s to 12s; hens, 4s 6d to 5s; pigeons, 1s 6d per pair.

Butter.—Plentiful. Good sale. Best factory, 104; good quality, 9d to 9½d; inferior, 8d to 8½d per lb.

Game.—Hares 1s to 1s 6d per pair; rabbits, 10s to 12s; kittens, 7s to 9s per dozen pair.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian Circulars: Prime, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton. New Zealand Derwent: Prime, nominal.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Fair supply. Good demand. Foot-wood, best, 12s to 13s; merchantable, 9s to 10s; inferior, 5s; boiled split, best, 12s to 13s 6d; second quality, 10s to 10s 6d; large logs, 7s to 9s; billets, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; bundled, 12s to 13s 6d per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4½d to 5d; bulk, 3½d to 4d per lb.

Honey.—Ordinary prime, £5; other good sorts, £4 to £4 10s; inferior varieties, £1 to £3 10s. American, £5 10s; other sorts from £4 10s per ton.

Beeswax.—Bright clear supplies, 1s per lb.

Honey.—Choice clear, 2d to 2½d; medium and dark, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Turnips.—Plentiful. Local, good sale, £1 to £1 12s 6d per ton.

REDFERN SALES.

Only a moderate supply of produce was submitted at auction this morning. The inquiry for all lines was brisk, the only change in prices being a slight fall in lucerne hay. Prime green oaten hay chaff brought 3s 7d, and off quality 2s 10d to 3s 4d per bag. Best rock oaten hay was obtained going at 3s 2d. Prime dry green lucerne in trusses realised 3s, medium quality 2s 6d to 2s 9d, and off descriptions 2s 1d to 2s 3d. Good old summer hay in large bales found a buyer at 3s 2d. New green in small bales of passable quality was taken at 2s 8d per cwt. Turnips were in good demand at 1s to 1s 8d per cwt.

Appended are the prices per ton of the various descriptions of produce actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 3 trusses, hay, 2; lucerne, 10, turnips, 4, and seed potatoes, 1.

Among the consignments were:—Messrs. J. Rodgers and Co., J. A. Moore and Co., Ellis and Co., H. M. Sutton and Co., Dent and Perry, Robert Little and Co., F. L. Onus, G. Wells and Matthews, and H. Prescott and Co.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From Jones, Raglan, truck No. 3799, 2s 8d; R. Christian, (245) 2s 9d; Coddington, Murrumburrah, (7066) 2s 7d per cwt.

Hay.—From Brasil Bros., Blayney, (731) 4s; Starr, Menangle, (1431) 3s 2d per cwt.

Lucerne.—From A. Mer. Knigrave, (5978) 2s 1d; James, Davis, and Co., (?) Windsor, (9886) 2s 1d; Hall, (5821) 2s 1d; A. Pearson, Richmond (3264) 2s 8d; J. Gardiner, Windsor, (4254) 2s 5d; Hall, (2360) 2s 8d; R. Greentree, (2920) 2s 1d; Hall, Richmond, (5023) 3s 2d; Retton, Newcastle, (504) 2s 8d per cwt.

Turnips.—From Graham, Cabramatta, (2460) 1s; J. Brown, Mulgrave, (7998) 1s 4d; W. Stubbs, 1s 2d; Wilbow, 1s 5d; C. Fenton, Richmond, (2176) 1s 8d; Wood, 1s 4d; Riley, 1s 2d; Stevenson, 1s 7d; Salter, Windsor, (5794) 1s 1d; J. Wilson, 1s per cwt.

Seed Potatoes.—From Symonds, Blacktown, (1068) part 2s 6d per cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

An active business was done in the fruit trade at the various metropolitan markets this morning. Only moderate supplies of most varieties of seasonable fruits were on offer at the Bathurst-street markets to-day. Tasmanian apples were more plentiful and in steady request at prices much the same as those ruling last week. Banana trade continued in good demand, Fiji sorts commanding most attention. Common pines sold readily up to 9s per case. Queen descriptions were rather quiet at 7s 6d to 8s per case. Oranges were in brisk demand, prices of all sorts being dearer owing to the lighter supplies offering. The cheaper oranges moved more freely than the higher priced ones. Mandarins also sold well at improved prices. Loquats had a good deal of attention, as did passionfruit, which was extremely scarce. Fresh strawberries had steady sale, stale samples being hard to sell at lower rates.

Current quotations were:—

Oranges.—Local: Windfalls, 2s to 4s, prime 4s 6d to 5s 6d, inferior, pulled, 4s to 6s, good quality 7s to 8s, prime 8s to 10s, choice seedlings 11s to 12s; Seville 6s 6d to 7s per case.

Lemons.—Rough, 2s; good, 2s 6d to 3s; choice, 3s 6d to 4s per case.

Mandarins.—Small 4s to 6s, medium 7s to 9s, choice 10s per case.

Passionfruit

Funerals.

CARROLL.—The Funeral of the late Mr. WM. R. CARROLL will leave his late residence, 122 Wilson-road, Forest Lodge, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock sharp, for Rookwood Cemetery.
CHAS. KINSELA,
Funeral Director,
765 George-street, city, near railway.
Telephone, 983.

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